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# Progress report on implementation of the recommendations of past sessions of the committee and the multi-year programme of work (MYPOW)

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## 2014-2015 Implementation

- COFO made 94 recommendations to implement
- Good progress was made on most of them
- Full account of all actions taken in response to recommendations presented in Misc. document Progress Report
- Topics requested by COFO reported here:
  - SFM Toolbox
  - Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism
  - Collaboration among Technical Committees
  - Global Plan of action on FGR
  - Advisory Panel on Forest Knowledge
- Moving Forward 2014-2015 provides further information

## *Moving Forward*

- 2014 – 2015: FAO's new Strategic Framework, five Strategic Objectives, reinforcing the SDGs
- Work through synergetic relationships with key partners and member countries, focusing on areas that underpin SFM
- FO over 145 projects in more than 45 countries during the biennium, valued at US\$ 362 million
- Regular programme US\$ 28 million (3%), extra-budgetary sources US\$98 million
- Please refer to *Moving Forward* for further information

# Progress in the implementation of the Sustainable forest Management (SFM) Toolbox

A free, user-friendly, interactive web-based platform designed to meet the diverse needs of sustainable forest management practitioners

More specifically, the SFM Toolbox provides:

- **access** to practical SFM-related knowledge and tools and examples of their application
- **support and guidance** to forest managers on the integrated implementation of SFM
- **connections** between a diverse set of SFM-related topics to facilitate an integrated landscape approach
- **Focus** on the forest management unit and the landscape level
- **Scope** is global (for all types of forests)
- **Target audience** primarily forest and land managers and those who support them

**SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT TOOLBOX**

The Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Toolbox is a free, user-friendly, interactive web-based platform designed to meet the diverse needs of sustainable forest management practitioners, particularly those working at the forest management level.

**TARGET USERS**

- forest managers, private or public sector practitioners
- land use planners
- civil society and non-governmental organizations
- private sector entities and associations

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**STRUCTURE**

Technical **modules** organize tools and case studies by thematic area.

Guides/starter kits search engines by grouping multiple modules by areas of application of SFM.

**TOOLS & CASES**

Tools and cases bring together a wide range of guidelines, manuals, videos, software, e-learning products, and case studies produced by FAO and its partners in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), as well as by other organizations and by member countries.

**THEMATIC AREAS**

**FOREST AND ...**

- SUSTAINABLE
- FOOD SECURITY
- GREEN ECONOMY
- RIVER WOODS
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- BIODIVERSITY
- WOODS
- LANDSCAPE

The SFM Toolbox provides guidance, practical knowledge and resources on an array of SFM-related topics.

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Open the toolbox: [fao.org/sustainable-forest-management/toolbox](http://fao.org/sustainable-forest-management/toolbox) #SFMToolbox

# After 2 years

- Web platform substantially improved
- 21 new modules + additional tools and cases
- Dissemination and promotion at different international events, pilot testing, communication tools
- Videos added (95+) as practical cases/tools
- Blog
- Offline version of the Toolbox collection
- PDF files

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The image shows a screenshot of the Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Toolbox website. The website header features the FAO logo and the text "Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations". Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links for "Background", "Blog", "Modules", "Tools", "Cases", "Forum", "Partners", "Register", and "Login". A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation menu. The main content area includes a large banner image of a forest landscape with the text "SFM Toolbox looking ahead" and "Two years of further developments and achievements Since its launch in June 2014 during the Committee...". Below the banner, there is a section titled "What is the SFM Toolbox?" which describes the toolbox as a collection of tools, case studies, and other resources. To the right of this section is a "Browse by" sidebar with categories for "Modules", "Tools", and "Cases". Below the "What is the SFM Toolbox?" section, there is a "Quick start with SFM knowledge relevant to:" section with three thumbnail images: "Management of Natural Production Forest", "Forest and Landscape Restoration", and "SFM Implementation and REDD+". Below this, there is a "Latest Tools" section with a thumbnail for "Workshops: Benefits of using woodlands and natural spaces for health" and a "How to use the Toolbox" section with a thumbnail for "How to use the SFM Tool...". At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a photo of three women standing in front of a banner for "The Sustainable Forest Management Toolbox". The banner lists the following points: "Sharing SFM knowledge on-line", "Building forests sustainability", and "Connecting foresters".

# Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism

## Bonn Challenge progress:

- 90+ million ha have been pledged for restoration
- 24 governments and several decentralized authorities
- New regional initiatives taking shape
  - Latin America (Initiative 20x20)
  - Africa (AFR100)
  - Mediterranean (Silva Mediterranea)
  - Asia-Pacific

# FLR Mechanism Activities

## Country support

- Governance, enabling environment, inter-sectoral coordination
- Sustainable financing
- Pilot actions for scaling-up
- National FLR plans

## Regional and global support

- Regional capacity development workshops with CBD
- Private sector investment in FLR
- Sustainable financing for FLR
- FLR monitoring

## TC collaboration

- COFO recommendation presented to the bureaux of COAG and COFI in 2014
- Intense collaboration among secretariats
- Joint bureaux meeting COAG, COFI and COFO 12/06/2015
  - Global issues of common importance
  - Potential bilateral collaboration
  - Coordination of agendas
  - Sponsoring joint events (COAG side event: SOFO2016)
- SDGs, Climate Change strategy, ICN2 outcome discussed by each committee
- Next joint meeting: Conference 40?



## Follow-up to the Global Plan of Action

- The implementation strategy for the GPA-FGR has been finalized by Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Forest Genetic Resources (ITWG-FGR) and subsequently adopted by the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) in Jan 2015.
- In May 2016, the ITWG-FGR discussed and revised targets and indicators for FGR, and a schedule for monitoring the implementation of the GPA-FGR.
- ITWG-FGR also discussed the preparation of voluntary guidelines for the development of national strategies for the conservation, sustainable use and development of FGR.

## Follow-up to the Global Plan of Action

- Awareness raising and information sharing efforts have been continued (e.g. a special issue of *Forest Ecology and Management* published in collaboration with Bioversity International and the World Agroforestry Centre).
- Three workshops have been held, in collaboration with regional networks, on the implementation of the GPA-FGR (Malaysia, Sep 2014; Bolivia, Oct 2014; Cameroon, April 2016).
- FAO has explored funding opportunities but no extra-budgetary funds have been received for the implementation of the GPA-FGR.
- FAO is providing some funding for country projects related to FGR through its Technical Cooperation Programme.

# Report on FAO's Regional and Global Activities in Forestry Education and on the APFK (1)

- Survey on forestry education and knowledge (Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia), Feb. 2015 → learning environment not conducive → creation of regional programme could build on respective strengths
- Workshop “Regional Latin American Forestry Education Workshop” held with partners in Peru Dec. 2014 (15 countries, 24 universities) looking at current status, proposed curriculum, recommendations
- With UNIDO inception phase “Strengthening Forestry Training Centers and Wood Industries for Green Development in Southern African Development Community Region” 2015 → main outcome: lack of vocational training

## Report on FAO's Regional and Global Activities in Forestry Education and on the APFK (2)

- FAO RAP launched 2011 “Kids to Forests” - “K2F”, to build awareness of children and youth on SFM and on how they can contribute (Cambodia, China, Fiji, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand)
- MoU signed between FAO and International Forestry Students Association (IFSA), at WFC, Durban, Sept. 2015. Internship, support to attend meetings, networking.
- Meeting of the APFK held at WFC, Durban, Sept. 2015, 18 participants. On-going Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education welcomed. Emphasis put on “partnership” work. Need to connect APFK to existing networks

# Report on FAO's Regional and Global Activities in Forestry Education and on the APFK (3)

## Feedback:

- Clear expression that forestry education and knowledge are highly relevant (Workshops, APFK, RFCs and COFO)
- APFK meetings enable exchange of information, views and provide space for coordination
- However strong limitations due to absence of dedicated resources (forestry education, APFK)

