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# Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission: 27<sup>th</sup> session and key activities in the region

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# Introduction to the 27th Session of APFC

## The 27<sup>th</sup> session of the APFC

- 23 to 27 October 2017, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- “Forestry in a new landscape”
- over **200** participants
  - **22** member countries and one United Nations organization
  - **21** regional and international inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations
- **15** partner events, **13** exhibition booths and **25** technical posters



Opening ceremony commenced by a traditional *Lighting of Oil Lamp* rite.



The President of Sri Lanka gave a welcome address during the opening ceremony.





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## Recommendations from the 27th Session of APFC

The 27<sup>th</sup> Session of APFC produced 14 recommendations.  
Broadly, these cover:

- Landscape approaches and restoration
- Climate change (REDD+, adaptation)
- Forest invasive species
- Urban and peri-urban forestry
- Forest genetic resources
- Community forestry
- Global Forest Resources Assessment





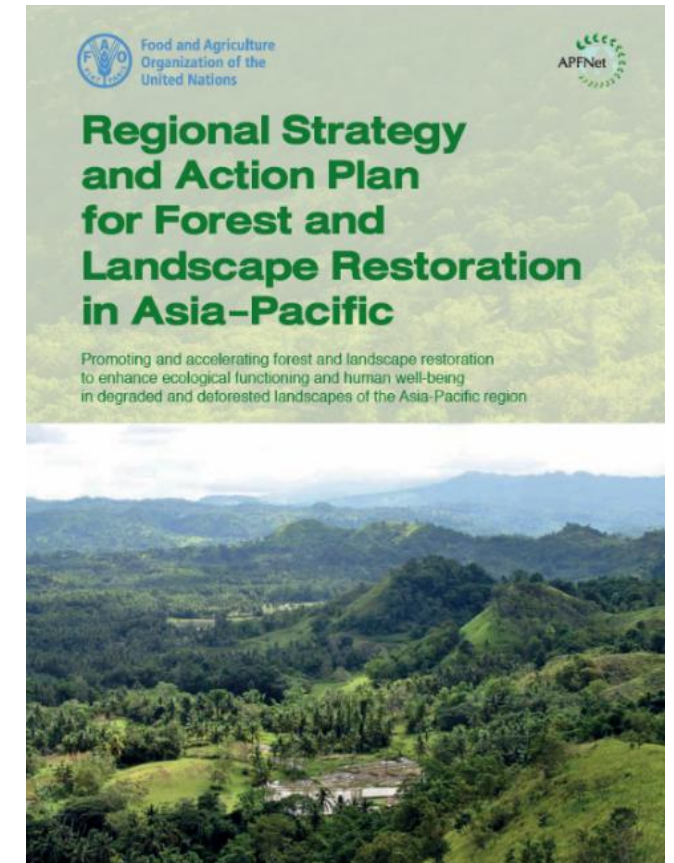
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## Key activities to address APFC recommendations (I)

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- **Continue to support countries in the implementation of forest and landscape restoration in line with the Regional Strategy and Action Plan for Forest and Landscape Restoration**
  - Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism (FLRM)
  - GEF projects
  - Dialogue and collaboration with regional partners
  - International Climate Initiative (IKI) proposal







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## Key activities to address APFC recommendations (II)

### ○ Third Asia-Pacific Forest Sector Outlook Study - Changing society and landscapes: Forestry in Asia and the Pacific in 2030 and beyond

#### Launch (Jan – Apr 2018)

- Formation of Advisory Committee and 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

#### Drafting (May – December 2018)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Advisory Committee in November 2018

#### Finalization (January – June 2019)

- Laun at the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Forestry Week, June 2019, Incheon, Republic of Korea



The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Advisory Committee was held in 26-27 April 2018, Bangkok, Thailand



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## Key activities to address APFC recommendations (III)

### ○ Provide capacity building assistance and training on new FRA reporting tools, platforms and methodologies

#### FRA 2020 sub-regional capacity building workshops in Asia-Pacific region

- FRA 2020 reporting platform and tools
- Data collection
- Resolve problems and questions





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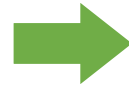
# Progress of SDG implementation in Asia-Pacific region

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 15

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss



**15.1** Ensure conservation of ecosystems and their services



Increase in protected terrestrial areas

**15.2** Promote sustainable management of forests



Progress towards sustainable forest management

**15.5** Reduce degradation of natural habitats



Countries efforts in wildlife conservation



## Other areas where progress is being made in Asia and the Pacific

- Transboundary collaboration
- National-level policies and plans
- Technical capacity for measuring GHG emissions from the forest sector







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# Thank you!

