

DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE
Planning Workshop on FTFP
Samarkand, Uzbekistan 24-25 April 2018

Background

In June 2014, the FAO Subregional Office has signed a new Partnership Agreement “FAO-Turkey Forestry Partnership Programme (FTFP)” with the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs (MFWA), focusing on the Forestry sector. Under this Partnership Agreement, FAO Subregional Office will provide technical assistance in the field of sustainable natural resources management, sustainable development and livelihoods. This will contribute to the development of sustainable forest management, sustainable land and natural resource management including land degradation neutrality, and enhance national capacities in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Turkey. FAO Subregional Office will provide operational and management support for FTFP.

Scope and Focus of Partnership Agreement

The substantive scope of cooperation under the Partnership Agreement (is based on FAO core activities related to forests, rangelands, natural resource management and combatting desertification.

The following broad areas are defined (Article III, section 17 of the signed Agreement):

- Sustainable Forest Management, Plantations and Restoration;
- Forest Products and Ecosystem Services;
- Forests and Environment, including Conservation of Biodiversity, Wildlife Management etc;
- People and Forests;
- Governance, including Policy and Institutional Development;
- Forest Resources Assessment and Monitoring;
- Interdisciplinary Issues, including Sustainable Land Management, Climate Change etc;
- Drought Impact Mitigation;
- Land Degradation Assessment, Combat Desertification.

“The geographical scope and of the Partnership Agreement covers the FAO Subregional countries and other countries of mutual interest to the Republic of Turkey and FAO. The geographical and substantive scope of FTFP will be enlarged on mutual consent of the parties” (Article III, section 16 of the signed Agreement).

Objectives of the Workshop

The overall objective of the workshop is to identify the priority areas for FTFP interventions in supporting beneficiary countries, identification of FTFP interventions priorities will not only forcover the first year, but across the overall FTFP cycle, based on national priorities and needs. This will enable initiating of the planning process for the development of project documents in line with FTFP scope and criteria. The workshop will specifically focus on the following areas:

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- Review country priorities and identify potential priorities for FTFP support;
- Develop result matrix in alignment with thematic areas of FAO mandate, Strategic Objectives (SOs), Strategic Programmes (SPs) and Regional Initiatives (RIs);
- Discuss/develop a modality on harmonized Programme approach;

- Discuss/identify the role of potential stakeholders (e.g. TIKA, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan);
- Discuss technical and geographic coverage to avoid overlap with past or ongoing projects in the region
- Discuss communication strategy and activities targeting visibility at both Programme and Project level;
- Prepare draft roadmap with timeframe.

Deliverables

- Common result matrix following a programme approach under the broad areas of FTFFP
- Identification of subregional projects for the first year and the entire programme cycle
- Roadmap of next steps

Materials available:

- Partnership Agreement
- FTFFP Operational Framework
- CPFs
- National forest programs/strategy papers
- SOs, SPs, RIs,etc
- Workshop agenda

Participants

Participants will include MFWA officials, high-level and technical Ministry officials from the participating countries, key officials from the donor, TIKA representatives from Uzbekistan and FTFFP Management team from SEC, FAORs/AFAORs/REU/HQ.

Workshop facilitation

Internal facilitation would be useful due to the participation of stakeholders with different areas of focus. Mr. Ekrem Yazici was nominated for this role. The facilitator will have to capture the discussion and plot the project ideas in the priority matrix for further consideration under FTFFP. FAO will develop Term of Reference for the facilitator if deemed necessary.

Roles and Responsibilities

FAO SEC will liaise with the MFWA and FAO Country offices in order to finalize the workshop agenda. FAO Country Offices will prepare country priorities based on their CPF and informal consultation with the government counterparts. All logistics for the workshop will be coordinated by FAO SEC office. Once the date is finalized, FAO SEC will identify participants from the countries and send them invitations.

Estimated Budget

The estimated budget to cover the cost of the workshop will be elaborated on cost-sharing basis between MFWA and FAO for strengthening the spirit of the joint ownership spirit of the on FTFFP. Budget estimation will be annexed to this Concept note at a later stage. A detailed budget sheet will be prepared taking into consideration that the cost related to the travel including air/train fare, DSA and accommodation of participants from MFWA will be covered by their own institutions. The same is applicable for participants from FAO in the workshop. However, theThe cost related to the organization of the workshop, facilitation and related workshop facilities should be covered from the respective budget allocation of the programme (‘unallocated funds’) as per chapter VII.42 of the Operational framework, subject to the approval of endorsement by the Steering Committee.