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**Minutes of the 60th Session of FAO Advisory Committee on
Sustainable Forest-based Industries (ACSF)**

Vancouver, 7 May 2019



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Participants

Steering Committee

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| Masataka Hayama | Chair of ACSFI , Japan Paper Association, President |
| Carina Häkansson | Vice-Chair of ACSFI , Swedish Forest Industries Association, Director General |
| Bernard de Galembert | Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI), Director of Innovation and bioeconomy |
| Derek Nighbor | Forest Products Association of Canada |
| Jane Molony | Paper Manufacturers Association of South-Africa, Executive Director |
| David Rhodes | New-Zealand Forest-Owners Association, Chief Executive |

Other members of ACSFI

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| Natalia Granato Loures | Brazilian Tree Industry (IBA) |
| Timo Jaatinen | Finnish Forest Industries Association, Director General |
| Lorenz Klein von Wisenberg | International Family Forestry Alliance (IFFA) and German Federation of Forestland Owner Association |
| Paul-Antoine Lacour | French association of paperboard, paper and cellulose industries (COPACEL), Director General |
| Derek Nighbor | Forest Products Association of Canada |
| Indroyono Soesilo | Association of Indonesian Forest Concessionnaires (APHI), Chairman |
| Klaus Windhagen | Klaus Windhagen |
| Shengfu Wu | China National Forest Products Industry Corp., President, China Wood Culture Association, President |

Observers

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| Jacob Handelsman | American Forest and paper Association, Senior Director for international trade |
| Tomoaki Kimura | Japan Paper Association |
| Andrew Large | UK Confederation of Paper Industries |
| Robert Larocque | Forest Products Association of Canada, Senior Vice-President |
| Beth Lebo | Australian Forest Products Association |
| Sylvain Lhôte | President of International Council of Forest & Paper Associations (ICFPA) from 8 May 2019, Director General of Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI) |
| Sven Walter | Appointed as FAO Team leader, Forest Products and Statistics from mid-June 2019 |

ACSF1 Secretariat (FAO)

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| Thais Linhares-Juvenal | FAO/Forestry department/Forest governance and economics, Team leader and Secretary of 60 th ACSFI meeting |
| Pierre Bouillon | FAO/Forestry department/Forest governance and economics |

Members of ACSFI not attending the meeting

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| Kwame Asamoah Ad | Ghana Timber Millers Organization |
| Byung-Min-Choi | KleanNara Co. Ltd, CEO, Republic of Korea |
| Ross Hampton | Australian Forest Products Association, CEO |
| Shobban Mittal | President of Greenply Industries, India |
| Hüseyin Güler | Kastomonu Entegre, Business, planning and innovation Director, Turkey |
| Ferhat Naci Gungor | Alim Group, Director, Turkey |
| José Urtubey | Grupo Tapebicua, Argentina |
| Boris Zingarevitch | Russian National Pulp and Paper Association, Vice-President |

ACFSI Steering Committee meeting

1) Renewal of the Steering Committee, Chair and Vice-Chair positions :

According to ACSFI statutes, *“The Committee shall elect a Steering Committee from among its members, which, in addition to the Chairperson, shall consist of four to six members.”*

According to ACSFI rules of procedure:

“3.1 The ACSFI shall elect a Steering Committee from among its members, which, in addition to the Chairperson, shall consist of four to six members, including the Vice Chairperson.

3.2 Steering Committee members shall serve for two years. In the interest of balancing the needs for both renewal and continuity, it shall be possible to reelect a member for one further period of two years.”

At the beginning of the 2019 meeting, the Steering Committee consisted of six people:

- Matasaka Hayama, Chair, ***leaving ACSFI chair at the end of the 60th ACSFI session and leaving ACSFI in 2019***
- Carina Häkansson, Vice-Chair
- Bernard de Galembert
- Derek Nighbor
- Jane Molony
- Davide Rhodes, ***leaving the Steering committee but not ACSFI***

According to ACSFI rules of procedure:

“2.1 At its annual session, the ACSFI elects a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from its members for a two-year term. The Vice-Chairperson shall normally succeed the Chairperson at the conclusion of the Chairperson’s term.”

Decision:

The Steering Committee decided to propose to ACSFI members that the Vice-Chair replaces the Chair for the next two years and warmly thanked the Chair for the many achievements accomplished under his leadership. For replacement of the Vice-Chair and of the two members leaving the Steering Committee, it was acknowledged that the absence of 8 members of ACSFI during this meeting could not allow all potential candidates to apply for the Steering Committee and then to organize a vote with all members.

Consequently, the renewal of the Steering Committee should be agreed in a process to be defined by the Chair in consultation with the Steering Committee and the ACSFI Secretariat during summer 2019.

2) Date and place of next steering committee meeting :

It was proposed to organize the next Steering Committee meeting during the second Wood Rise congress, in Québec City from 30 September to 3 October 2019.

ACFSI meeting

1) Opening of the 60th session

The Chair of ACSFI, Masataka Hayama opened the 60th session and gave the floor to FAO Secretary of the session, Thais Linhares-Juvenal, responsible for the Forest Governance and Economics' team in FAO's Forestry department and officer in charge of the "Forest Products and Statistics" team, who led the secretariat services to the meeting.

2) Organizational matters

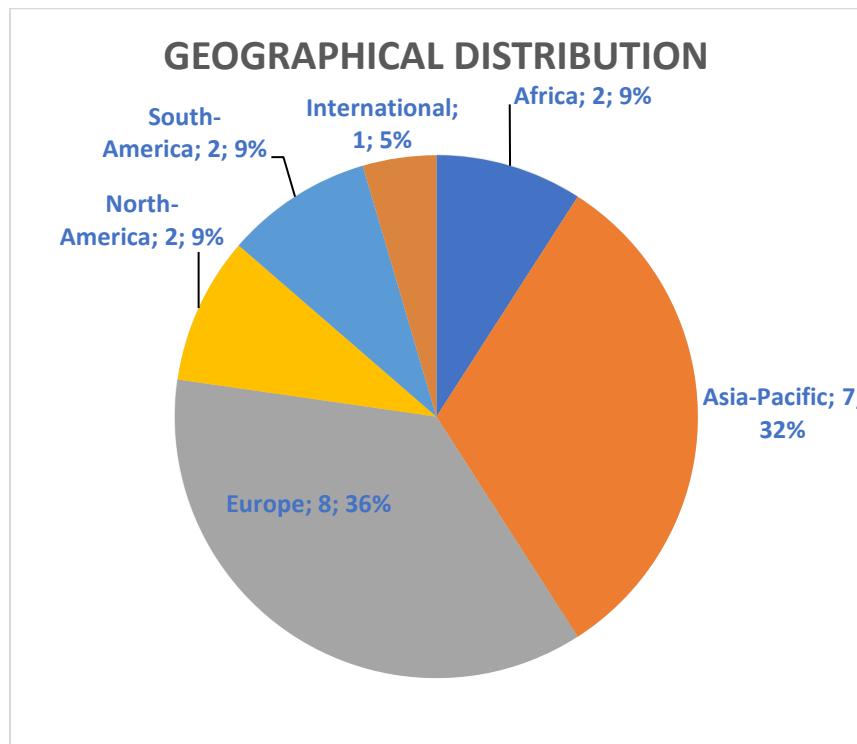
a. Membership developments

The secretariat introduced membership developments since the 59th session. Three new members joined ACSFI:

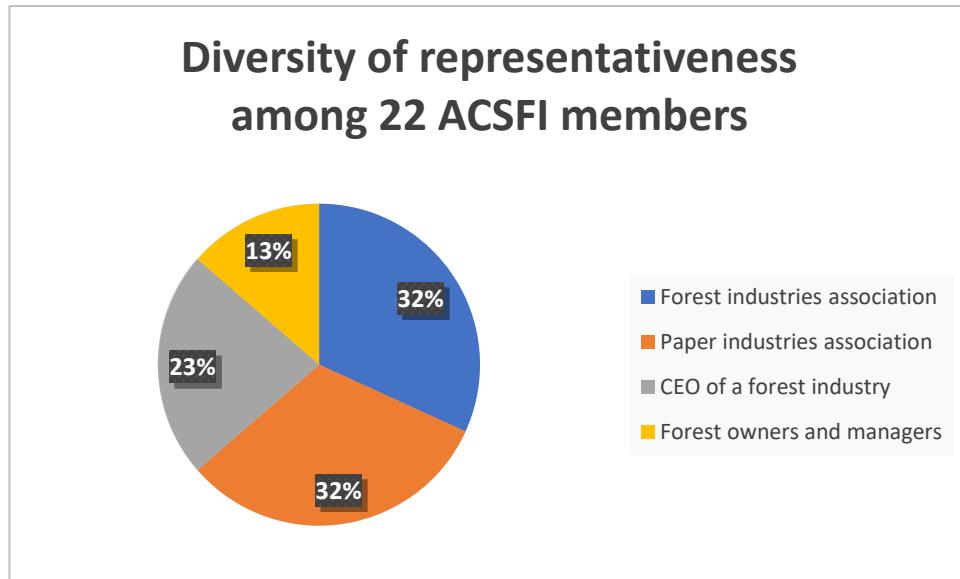
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| Hüseyin Güler | Kastomonu Entegre, Business, planning and innovation Director, Turkey |

ACFSI now consists of 22 members.

The Secretary highlighted the good geographical coverage of ACSFI composition:



Furthermore, the membership represents a good representation of different branches of global forest-based industries:



ACCSI members noted with appreciation the diversity of professional and geographical representativeness of ACSFI.

b. Highlights in the international forestry agenda and report on the implementation of ACSFI 2018 recommendations

The presentation by Thais Linhares-Juvenal (see annex 1) highlighted the following events and processes:

- International Day of Forest – Forestry education (GEF project, CPF initiatives, FAO targeting school age, increasing forest literacy, inclusion of wood fuels in school-feeding programmes)
- UN Decade on family farming
- UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- UN Secretary General Climate Summit
- IUFRO Congress (Curitiba, Brazil; 29 September - 5 October 2019)
- UNFCC COP 25, 2-13/12/19, Chile
- Regional Forestry Commissions (June-Dec)

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| 28th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission and Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2019 | Incheon, Republic of Korea | 17-21 June 2019 |
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| Near East Forestry and Range Commission (NEFRC) - 24th Session | Sudan | 1-5 December 2019 |

Concerning specific FAO highlights, Ms. Linhares-Juvenal presented the following:

- Active engagement with MEPs to promote benefits from sustainable wood production to livelihoods, which contributed to the recognition of the role of production in the European Parliament Resolution 'Transparent and accountable management of natural resources in developing countries: the case of forests', adopted on 11 September 2018 (http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-8-2018-0333_EN.html?) and the co-organization of the Conference 'Forests at the Heart of Sustainable Development' on 7 February 2019 in Brussels. As part of FAO efforts to promote the contributions of forests to sustainable development, the EU Conference 'Our Forests, Our Future', 25-26 April 2019 was also mentioned;
- Launch of the new forestry and education initiative in the context of the International Day of Forests 2019, with focus on sustainable use and conservation, and the efforts of FAO with CPF partners to conduct an inventory of forest education across six regions and globally identify forestry education challenges and gaps, and develop recommendations.
- Poplar Commission: Recent decisions on the International Poplar Commission providing for the expansion of IPC's scope to fast growing species suitable for all climatic zones;
- Events and initiatives related to planted forests: World Teak Conference (Aug 2020, Ghana), IUFRO Task Force on Sustainable Planted Forests For a Greener Future (International Congress on Planted Forest to be held in 2022 in Florida USA);
- Genetic resources: Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture has scheduled a review of the cross-sectoral work on biotechnologies for the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources for its 18th Regular Session, which will be held in Rome on 1-5 March 2021; countries will be invited to submit country reports for preparation of the Second Report on the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources by June 2020.
- Participation in EU High-level conference "Forests at the heart of Sustainable Development", 7 February 2019, which provided an opportunity for FAO/SW4SW to engage members of the European Parliament
- SW4SW
 - 2018 official approval and launch ;
 - Technical support at country level such as Uganda in cooperation with FAO's Forest and Farm Facility ;

- Value chain approach to forest finance. Expert meeting organized on 2-3 April 2019 ;
- National/regional dialogues in 2019: in Cameroon (May), in South-Africa (October), in China (November);
- Working paper on multiplier effect of forestry in the economy ;
- Forest-based bioeconomy : FAO speaker in several congresses. Setting up of a dedicated international working group through organization of an expert meeting in October 2019 ;
- Communication campaign (GLF, Venice Biennale Architects, Oslo Tropical Forest Forum, Nordic Timber) ;
- COFO 24 exhibition on innovative wood-based bioeconomy (July 2018) ;
- Sustainability assessment of forest concessions in Guatemala, Peru, Mozambique ;
- Cooperation in FAO with Forest and Farm Facility, FLEGT, Forest Landscape Restoration Mechanism, ...

FAO 2020 priorities

- COFO 25 (July 2020)
- SOFO 2020 (State Of World's Forests) – Focus on Biodiversity, in relation with a dense 2020 international agenda on biodiversity
- FRA 2020
- CBD COP 15 – Next steps after Aichi targets

Discussion:

The Chair thanked FAO Secretariat for the presentation and for the dense work achieved by FAO in 2018-2019. He also underlined a promising intense 2019-2020 agenda. He then gave the floor to the meeting participants for their comments and questions.

The following comments/suggestions were expressed by ACSFI members:

- Praised the work on forestry education, but would like to see more work with youth and young forest professionals. Would like to see a reference document on forests and education;
- Applauded the SW4SW initiative, and requested improvement of key messages and the launch of more active communication campaigns, including with the help from professional journalists, to increase impact in social media, to explain the need to harvest wood, in order to enjoy benefits from useful renewable wood products, in our livelihoods while mitigating climate change;
- Proposed improvement of SW4SW media cards, with particular attention to reflect modern forestry and equipment that do not harm the environment (discussion on media card with a tractor considered unsuitable for sustainable forestry);
- Suggested to insert reporting on SW4SW achievements and regional dialogues in FAO Regional Forest Commissions;
- Applauded the decision to organize three SW4SW regional dialogues in 2019 in Cameroon, South Africa and China. The South African representative stressed that she was delighted to make southern and eastern Africa work together for sustainable wood value chains. The Chinese representative expressed the same satisfaction and underlined that the Chinese dialogue will be focused on meeting the expectations from consumers, emphasizing the need to simultaneously support three pillars: investment in silviculture and wood transformation; education from the early age at school; promotion of quality wood products and of the importance of the wood sector for the economy.

3) Implementation of ACSFI 2018 recommendations

First comments on the three draft working papers presented by the ACSFI Secretariat:

“Building sustainable forest-based value chains - Inspiring stories from all over the world”

This draft working paper was welcomed by ACSFI members as a concrete contribution to promote sustainable wood value chains in many different geographical contexts.

Discussions recommended adding an additional case study on forest small holders (inputs will be provided by Lorenz Klein von Wisenberg) and to achieve a synthetic document focused on lessons learnt and recommendations for policies and stakeholders. Key messages should be further developed. The name of the paper could be improved, with a view to better describe the content of the case studies.

“Wood First Policies - A global overview of prominent policies to encourage wood use in construction”

FAO's work in this new field was very positively welcomed and FAO is encouraged to fully explore it.

Discussion around the term “Wood first policies” recommended looking for a more consensual wording, for instance “renewable carbon first policies” or “low-carbon first policies”. It was also suggested to differentiate engineered wood products from solid wood products. Further work to include a broader number of national policies, with more in-depth analysis and key success factors, was also proposed.

ACCSI members are fully available to contribute to this document as they are aware and sometimes part of many national policies on this item. A summary for policy makers should be produced.

Carbon storage in wood products

In introduction, Thais Linhares-Juvenal recalled that this document is a background paper used to support decision to engage with the Wageningen University on work to manage uncertainties when reporting on carbon storage in harvested wood products. This collaboration with Wageningen University will deliver a discussion paper by end 2019, with a view to report on it during next Climate COP in Chile in December 2019.

ACCSI members expressed great appreciation for the launch of this study in a new field of work for FAO and called for strong synergies with UNFCCC activities and Nationally Determined Contributions from countries.

Some members asked for the addition of a chapter on wood recycling, which is key in life cycle assessments. More and more recycled material is used by wood and paper industries, increasing the performance of the wood sector in terms of carbon sequestration on the long run.

Particular expectations were expressed for further work on:

- methodology assessing substitution potential from wood products to measure the whole mitigation effect
- different end of life scenarios such as recycling or landfill deposition
- definition of “mass timber”
- connecting carbon in wood products with carbon in forest
- show multiplicity of wood products – for example carbon storage in clothing made of pulp
- clarify FAO-UNFCCC cooperation, including FAO's role, future research, identification of options
- include bamboo and agricultural residues

Other suggestions to follow up on work in carbon storage focused on:

- deeper analysis of the carbon storage all along the value chain in order to better assess the substitution potential and the mitigation impact from wood products;
- argue in favor of wood products as sustainable alternative to oil-derived plastics ;
- re-assess the average length of carbon storage by wood products (literature review).

4) Inputs of the ACSFI to FAO's programme of work 2019-2020

a. ACSFI recommendations

The ACSFI recommends that for its 2019-2020 work programme, FAO, through the ACSFI Secretariat, and in cooperation with relevant FAO units:

- Builds on the successful launch of SW4SW and increases its relevance by :
 - Undertaking a literature review of carbon footprint calculation methods, addressing the full carbon cycle, from cradle to cradle to build on the valuable material received on carbon stored in harvested wood products. This could be utilised by the forest products industries as a contribution to work planned to be undertaken by the industry ;
 - Gathering science-based material through a literature review of existing Life Cycle Assessments (LCA's) to inform a consistent comparison of forest-based products vs. plastics ;
 - Raising the visibility of SW4SW initiative at regional level especially during the regional forestry commission's meetings and towards FAO representatives in countries ;
- Explores trends in the development of robotics, automation and AI (Forestry 4.0), their use in forestry and assess their impact on SFM, on the sector as a whole and on the labour force (health and risks at work) ;
- Completes the value chains compilation report by including smaller producers' examples, and build a shorter publication on the bioeconomy inspiring stories that would highlight the lessons learnt and recommendations drawn and illustrate them with shortened stories ;
- Facilitates further regional opportunities for dialogue on biotechnology in forestry ;
- Reinforces FAO capacities on forestry and forest products – staff and budget – to allow for full deployment of the FAO/ACCSI agenda.

b. Emerging future issues and other items

ACCSI members also identified the following emerging issues, which could be addressed by the ACSFI and FAO:

- Criticism against forest plantations (example of New Zealand, where campaigns led to the creation by ministry of environment of a department on water consumption in forest plantations). Need for more information exchange among countries and for science-based work ;

- Strong NGO campaigns (USA) against polluting plastics and wood products
 - Wood products have good perception while harvesting operations have bad perception
 - Expectation from FAO to bring rational arguments in debates and to sensitize governments on positive role of forests (providing evidence)
- Sustainable bio-based packaging for food products
 - Very good FAO video on wood-based packaging to be connected to the fight against food waste. FAO can build on the fight against food waste through renewable packaging
 - FAO/Fairtrade (Düsseldorf) cooperation
- Increase recycling of all wood-based products: to improve collection and recycling of the various wood products. Huge recycling potential through paperboard packaging production.
- Biosecurity (e.g. review of biosecurity Act in New Zealand)

5) **Moment in memory of Peter de Marsh**

Derek Nighbor, from Canada, remembered Peter de Marsh, a former member of the ACSFI, victim of the tragic accident with the Ethiopian Airways flight on 10 March 2019. Peter was celebrated by all members and the Secretariat for his important contributions to the global forest agenda and, in particular, the support to smallholder producers.

6) **Closing of the session**

a. **Date and venue of the next session**

Decision

The 61st session of ACSFI should be held in FAO/Rome three months prior to COFO. This latter will take place during 3rd week of July 2020. The proposed period for next ACSFI meeting is before/after Easter.

b. **Election of officers**

New Chair:

- Carina Håkansson as new ACSFI Chair

Other elections:

- ACSFI Vice Chair and three new members of the Steering Committee to be achieved in June-July 2019 (vote by electronic consultation organized by ACSFI Secretariat)
- The call for candidates to apply for the position of new Steering Committee member received no proposal during ACSFI 60th meeting
- Next Steering Committee meeting proposed in autumn, maybe during Wood Rise 2019 conference (Quebec City, 30/9 - 4/10/2019)

Carina Håkansson warmly thanked ACSFI members for trustfully giving her the mandate to Chair this very competent Advisory Committee. She is very happy to succeed to Masataka Hayama and sincerely thanked him for his outstanding leadership as Chair of the ACSFI. Carina is glad to chair this very important and useful Committee for the global wood sector. Thais Linhares-Juvenal was warmly thanked as interim ACSFI secretary during one year, for successfully developing the SW4SW initiative and for preparing this fruitful

meeting in Vancouver in relation with the Canadian colleagues of Forest Products Association of Canada, who perfectly organized logistics for this meeting.

Jane Molony added that ACSFI work within FAO is very helpful for the world wood sector, providing neutral and science-based documents with impact on the governments and leverage effect on policies.

c. Any other matters

Thais Linhares-Juvenal introduced Sven Walter, new FAO Team leader for Forest Products and Statistics, from mid-June 2019. He is expected to become the new ACSFI Secretary. Sven Walter warmly thanked Thais for assuming ACSFI secretary during more than one year and for giving him the opportunity to participate in this meeting with a view to prepare his new responsibility as ACSFI Secretary. Sven shared his pleasure to soon work with ACSFI members and the new Chair.

d. Closing of the 60th session

Masataka Hayama warmly thanked:

- Canadian colleagues for hosting this meeting in Vancouver,
- ACSFI Secretariat for preparing the meeting and achieving a dense 2018-2019 workplan,
- all participants for their strong involvement in ACSFI

and wished to the new Chair full success and fruitful achievements for the sustainable forest-based industries, before officially closing the 60th session ACSFI.

ANNEX 1 : highlights in the international forestry agenda



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HIGHLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY AGENDA (2019)

- IDF – Forest and Education
- UN Decade of Forest Farming, Rome, FAO HQ
- UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030
- SG Climate Summit – NY, UN Headquarters
- IUFRO Congress – Curitiba, Brazil
- Regional Forestry Commissions
- UNFCCC COP 25 – Santiago, Chile





HIGHLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY AGENDA (2020)

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ANNEX 2 : highlights of FAO's work in 2019 and 2020

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HIGHLIGHTS FAO WORK 2019-2020

- Conference Forests at the Heart of Sustainable Development – Brussels, European Parliament
- Forest education and youth
- Poplar Commission
- Planted Forests
- Genetic resources
- SW4SW



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CONFERENCE FORESTS AT THE HEART OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



The diagram illustrates the interconnected role of forests in achieving sustainable development across various United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A central tree icon is surrounded by arrows pointing to various SDG icons and associated text boxes:

- SDG 1: No Poverty**: Wood value chains contribute to USD 1.5 billion to the economy.
- SDG 2: Zero Hunger**: Over 75% of rural households depend on wood fuel for cooking.
- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being**: Rural women, livelihoods directly benefit from improved wood fuel value chains.
- SDG 4: Quality Education**: Sustainable wood value chains contribute to carbon emissions reduction and enhanced livelihoods.
- SDG 5: Gender Equality**: Wood value chains contribute to generation of at least 45 million forest jobs.
- SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation**: Wood products can reduce water, energy needs, and the overall carbon footprint of cities.
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy**: Sustainable wood value chains increase the economic value of sustainable forest management.
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth**: Replacing non-renewable energy sources with sustainable materials contributes to climate change mitigation.
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure**: Nearly 100% of a tree can be processed, contributing to the material footprint.
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities**: Sustainable wood value chains contribute to sustainable forest management actions for vulnerable landscapes.
- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production**: Wood products can reduce waste, energy needs, and the overall carbon footprint of cities.
- SDG 13: Climate Action**: Wood products can reduce waste, energy needs, and the overall carbon footprint of cities.
- SDG 15: Life on Land**: Sustainable wood value chains increase the economic value of sustainable forest management.
- SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals**: Sustainable wood value chains contribute to climate change mitigation.

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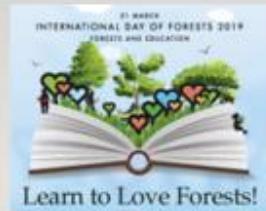
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FORESTS AND EDUCATION

Campaign launched during IDF 2019

German funded project signed

Youth representation



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FORESTS AND EDUCATION

- Launch of new forestry and education initiative in IDF 2019 focus on sustainable use and conservation.
- German funded project to increase forest literacy and the need to manage forests sustainability among children aged 9-12 in Tanzania and the Philippines.
- Efforts with CPF partners to conduct an inventory of forest education across six regions and globally identify forestry education challenges and gaps, and develop recommendations.





UPDATES FAO WORK – POPLAR COMMISSION

- In 2019, Member Nations endorsed amendments proposed to the IPC Convention expanding the IPC's scope to species suitable for all climatic zones.
- Italy will co-host the Twenty-sixth Session of the IPC at FAO headquarters in October 2020. There will be the opportunity for other institutions and individuals to propose side events and technical sessions



UPDATES FAO WORK – PLANTED FORESTS

- In 2018-2019, FAO's global work on planted forests focus primarily on restoration, providing normative and technical support to projects working within the framework of the Bonn Challenge, the AFR100, and the upcoming UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.
- Thematic areas include commercial plantations and woodlots in Africa, restoration of native forest using commercial forest species as a nurse crop, and the use of species mixtures in planted forests.
- Support to the IUFRO Task Force on Sustainable Planted Forests for a Greener Future and to TEAKNET.
- IUFRO Task focusing on planted forest's potential to contribute to the rural economy and a carbon-neutral society. International Congress on Planted Forest to be held in 2022, in Florida USA.
- TEAKNET is organizing the World Teak Conference, which will take place in Accra, Ghana on 24-27 August 2020





UPDATES FAO WORK – GENETIC RESOURCES

- Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture has scheduled a review of the cross-sectoral work on biotechnologies for the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources for its 18th Regular Session which will be held in Rome on 1-5 March 2021.
- Forestry Department will initiate the preparation of the Second Report on the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources in May by inviting countries to submit country reports by June 2020. Expert meetings due in 2021 and draft SoW-FGR-2 report will be presented to the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on FGR in 2022 and then to the CGRFA in 2023.



SW4SW

2019/2020

- Conclusion of 4-year work plan and budget
- Technical support: forest producer associations in Uganda, FFF, and forest concessions
- Expert meeting "Catalyzing private finance for inclusive and sustainable forest value chains"
- "SW4SW Dialogues: Cameroon, South Africa and China"
- Launch of FP "Multiplier effect in forestry: contributing to employment and income beyond the forest sector"
- Launch of Forest Bioeconomy working group (expert meeting October 2019)





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RAISING AWARENESS TO THE SW4SW







- Conference "Forests at the Heart of Sustainable Development" with the European Parliament (2019);
- Global Landscape Forum on Finance in Bonn (2018)
- Venice Biennale of Architecture (2018);
- Oslo Tropical Forests Forum (2018)
- Nordic Timber Conference (NTC)



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IMPROVING IMAGE OF WOOD



Clothes made of wood cellulose can help the environment by **replacing less sustainable materials**.



- Social media campaign
- Forestry communicators network
- Raising awareness to negative communication and need of sectoral action



FOREST BASED BIOECONOMY

- Launch of the forest contributions to the bioeconomy working group in October 2019.
- Exhibition of innovative wood products during COFO 24
- Webinar on "Cascading and Circularity in Wood Value Chains"
- Annual General Assembly of French Wood National Federation (December 2018)
- International congress "Eco-Innovation With Biomass" in Germany (Papenburg) in March 2019
- Congress "Carrefour des forêts" in Canada/Québec in April 2019.



VALUE CHAIN APPROACH TO FOREST FINANCE



- Connecting different types of finance to phases and types of forest businesses.
- Focus on private investors and forest owners/managers.
- Reconciliation of restoration/conservation/climate objectives through bleded finance approach.
- Expert meeting on 2-3 April 2019 in FAO HQ counted with 60 participants (companies, investors, finance experts, SMEs and POs, etc.)
- Similar discussions held at Global Landscape Forum and at UNFF





SW4SW AT COUNTRY LEVEL



- Promotion of SW4SW at UNFF
- SW4SW regional and national dialogues expected to generate SW4SW roadmaps for implementation.
- Coming dialogues:
 - ✓ Doaula, Cameroon 28-30 May 2019
 - ✓ South Africa, October 2019
 - ✓ China, November 2019



Sustainable wood in Vancouver



World's tallest wood building in Vancouver

The Brock Commons at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver has been topped off, making it the world's tallest wood building. The 18-story tower, a student residence, was completed in less than 70 days using prefabricated components. The project was completed four months earlier than expected.

With a concrete podium and two concrete cores, the wood tower is 14 stories taller than any other mass timber, steel and concrete hybrid project in the world.
