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# Update from ACSFI Secretariat

61<sup>st</sup> ACSFI Session, 31 March 2020



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# 1. ACSFI Secretariat – the team



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## 2. Governance update



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- Rules of Procedures made available
- Internal document repository updated
- Internal communication procedures streamlined
- Membership updated
  - Currently 22 members (30 members max)
  - 5 new members nominated by FAO DG
  - 1 new member proposed (process ongoing)
- 2 Steering Committee meetings organized
  - 20 November 2019, Brussels (back-to-back with CEPI event)
  - 25 February 2020, virtual meeting



# 3. Outreach



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## ■ ACSFI – At a Glance



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## ■ ACSFI – At a Glance

## ■ ACSFI Bulletin:

- Regular news from the Secretariat & Chair
- Online stories
- Communication between members
- ACSFI@fao.org
- Calendar of events



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### Welcome & Update from the Secretariat

As you are all aware, in light of the COVID-19 situation, we have had to make the difficult decision to move the 2020 ACSFI meeting to a web-based platform. While we are disappointed not to welcome you to Rome later this month we are very much looking forward to seeing you in June. Participating in World Forest Week and COFO (June 22 – 26, 2020) is a fantastic opportunity for the ACSFI. We will share more information as it becomes available.

Following on from previous communication, Mr Jose Carlos Fonseca Junior from iba in Brazil was recently nominated as a new Steering Committee member of the ACSFI. As no objections were received to the nomination, the Secretariat can confirm his nomination as the new Steering Committee member. The ACSFI Secretariat congratulates Mr Fonseca

Any guidance from ACSFI members on future outreach priorities?

## 4. ACSFI reports

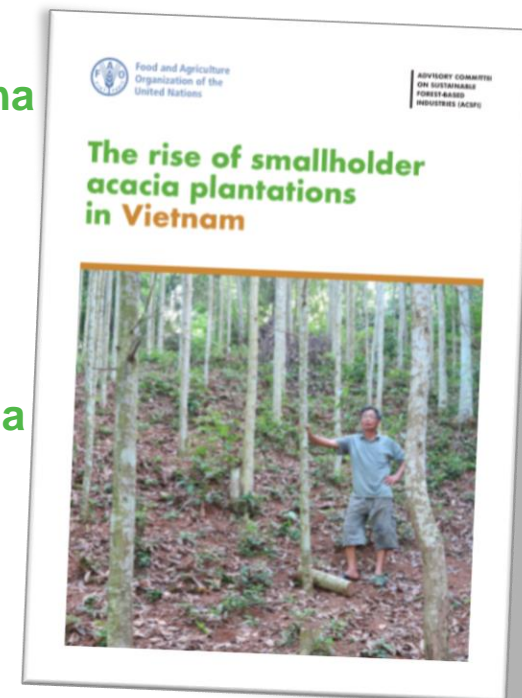


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# 1 Building sustainable forest- based value chains: lessons-learned from inspiring stories all over the world

- The rise of smallholder acacia plantations in **Vietnam**
- Innovation in forest product value chains: insights from **Argentina**
- Promoting wild bush mango value chains in **Cameroon**
- Turning a paper mill into a biorefinery in **Finland**
- From natural forest towards planted forest: promoting new industrial value chains in **Indonesia**
- Teak plantations and management of natural forests in **Tanzania**
- From plantations to wood products in **Tanzania** and **Uganda**
- Strengthening forest product value chains in Small Island Developing States: the case of sandalwood in **Vanuatu**
- The rise of family forestry in **Kenya**
- Timur farming to tackle climate crisis in **Nepal**



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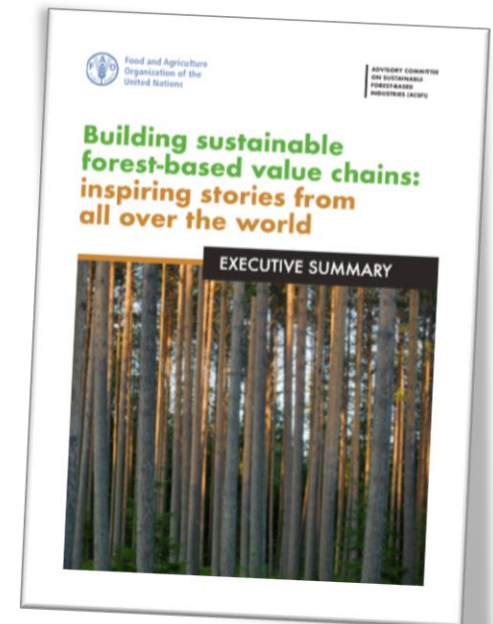


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# 1 Building sustainable forest-based value chains: lessons-learned from inspiring stories all over the world

- Contributions of forest product value chains to the SDGs
- Conditions for a growing forest-based bioeconomy
- Key messages
  - Foster investments that increase efficiency along value chains
  - Upscaling partnerships promoting SFM
  - Facilitate better access and use of information
  - Recommendations to governments and the private sector





## 4. ACSFI reports

# 2 Carbon mitigation potential from harvested wood products

- HWP contribute to reducing **GHG emissions** through direct carbon storage, substitution of non-renewable materials, and increased availability of biofuels.
- Considerable **uncertainties** result from (a) unknowns associated with end-of-life pathways, (b) range of methods used, and (c) uncertainties in input values.
- Opportunities for **future work** include supporting countries in estimating carbon storage in HWP, accounting for and reducing uncertainties, and supporting a wide-range of life-cycle analyses.



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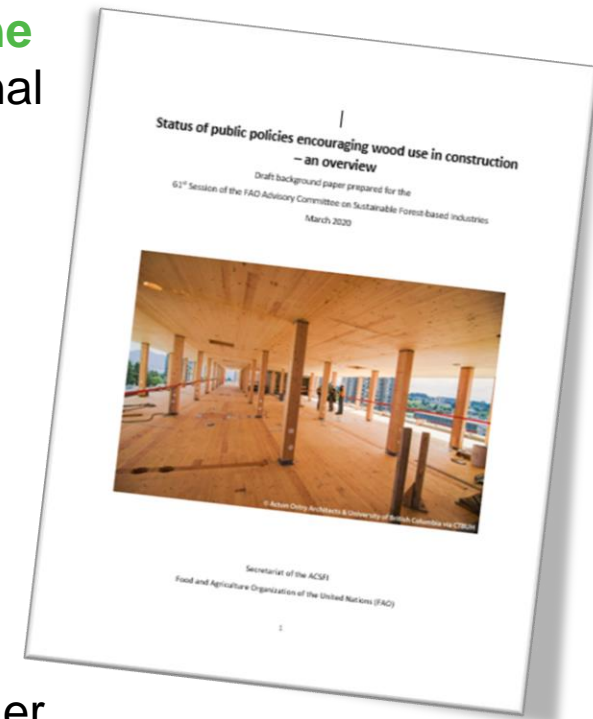


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# 3 Status of public policies encouraging wood use in construction – an overview

- Wood encouragement policies (WEP) - **promoting the use of wood as building material** at national, regional or local levels
- Common elements:
  - recognizing the importance of supporting **local forest industries**
  - supporting sustainable economic **development**
  - contributing to **climate change** mitigation objectives
- Focus on buildings developed through **public procurement**, but also extend to the **private sector**
- Enhanced **implementation** of WEP may require further capacity building, research and development as well as international cooperation and coordination



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1 Building sustainable forest- based value chains: lessons-learned from inspiring stories all over the world

2 **Carbon mitigation potential from harvested wood products (HWP)**

3 **Status of public policies encouraging wood use in construction – an overview**

=> Possibility to organize **webinars** on the conclusions of the studies on HWP and WEP

Questions: Are ACSFI members interested to participate in such webinars?

# 5. ACSFI work plan 2019/20



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## ACSFI Work Plan 2019 – 2020<sup>1</sup>

**Strategic Goal 2020-24: Identifying strategic actions to facilitate public private partnerships to promote sustainable forest product value chains from healthy and productive landscapes**

[Expected outcome 2024: Strategic actions stimulated and partnerships facilitated to promote a circular forest bioeconomy and healthy and productive ecosystems.]

Item	Timing	Responsibility & Participation	Expected Result
<b>1. Core events</b>			
1.1 Steering Committee Meeting	November 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAO Secretariat to organise</li> <li>Steering Committee participation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed &amp; engaged Steering Committee</li> <li>Clear and agreed work plan</li> <li>Clear guidance on processes for delivery of 2020 ACSFI meeting</li> </ul>
1.2 ACSFI session	March 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed and engaged ACSFI Committee</li> <li>Clear messaging to deliver to COFO</li> </ul>
1.3 COFO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivery of ACSFI messages from Chair</li> <li>Innovative forest products side event &amp;/or exhibit</li> </ul>	June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAO Secretariat to assist Chair to develop messaging</li> <li>Chair to deliver message at COFO</li> <li>FAO Secretariat to organise event with participation/products provided from selected ACSFI members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear messaging on priorities of the ACSFI to COFO</li> <li>Energy, enthusiasm and potential for identifying partnerships &amp; initiatives</li> </ul>
1.4 Convention on Biological Diversity COP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private sector side event</li> </ul>	October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAO Secretariat to organise</li> <li>Selected ACSFI members to attend/participate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insights and pathways for engaging with the private sector</li> </ul>
1.5 ACSFI Steering Committee Meeting & ACSFI Meeting	TBC 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAO Secretariat to organise</li> <li>Steering Committee participation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed and engaged ACSFI Committee</li> <li>Clear and agreed work plan</li> </ul>
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<b>2. Innovative forest products value chains</b>			

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- **Ongoing:** ACSFI internal events, Committee on Forestry (COFO)
- **Proposed:** CBD COP (Private sector session), UNFF (Private sector session), Committee on World Food Security (FAO/IFAD/WFP event), FAO Regional Conferences

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## 2. Innovative forest product value chains

- **Ongoing**: Finalization of case studies, SW4SW
- **Proposed**: Continue seeking synergies with activities of the FAO Forestry Department, including SW4SW (see below)



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## 3. ACSFI Strategic Framework 2020-2030

- **Ongoing:** ACSFI strategic review
- **Proposed:** Implementation of ACSFI Strategic Framework 2020-2030 based on recommendations and key elements

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## 4. Forest renewables – high carbon substitutes

- **Ongoing:** Finalization of study on Wood Encouragement Policies and Carbon Storage in Harvested Wood Products, Study on Forest Renewables Replacing Fossil based and GHG Intensive Products – European Forest Institute (EFI)
- **Proposed:** Study on effective use of wood waste

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## 5. Restoring ecosystem – Enhancing productive landscapes

- **Ongoing:** Assessment of possible contributions of the ACSFI to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030
- **Proposed:** Scoping study: Industry commitments towards Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR): Status and opportunities including a private sector consultation and meeting/s, Event at World Forestry Congress (South Korea, May 2021)

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### Work plan 2020 - 2021

- Consistent with FAO priorities for biennium 2020-2021
- Consistent with ACSFI Strategic Framework 2020 - 2030
- Clear priorities, outputs and outcomes (expected impact?)
- Generate *information* and catalyse *partnerships* for the benefits of ACSFI members and FAO (and other stakeholders)

Questions: Any comments on the ongoing and proposed activities? Any possible implications of the pandemic on our work?

# 6. Priorities of FAO's Forestry Department



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## FAO's Strategic Objectives



Help eliminate hunger,  
food insecurity and  
malnutrition



Make agriculture,  
forestry and fisheries  
more productive and  
sustainable



Reduce rural poverty



Enable inclusive and  
efficient agricultural  
and food systems



Increase  
the resilience of  
livelihoods to  
disasters

## Main clusters of FAO's Forestry Department

- Climate change and resilience
- Global forest resources assessment
- Forest resources management

- Forest Governance and Economics
- Forest Products and Statistics
- FLEGT Programme
- Water and Mountains

- REDD+
- National Forest Monitoring

- Forest and Farm Facility
- Social Forestry

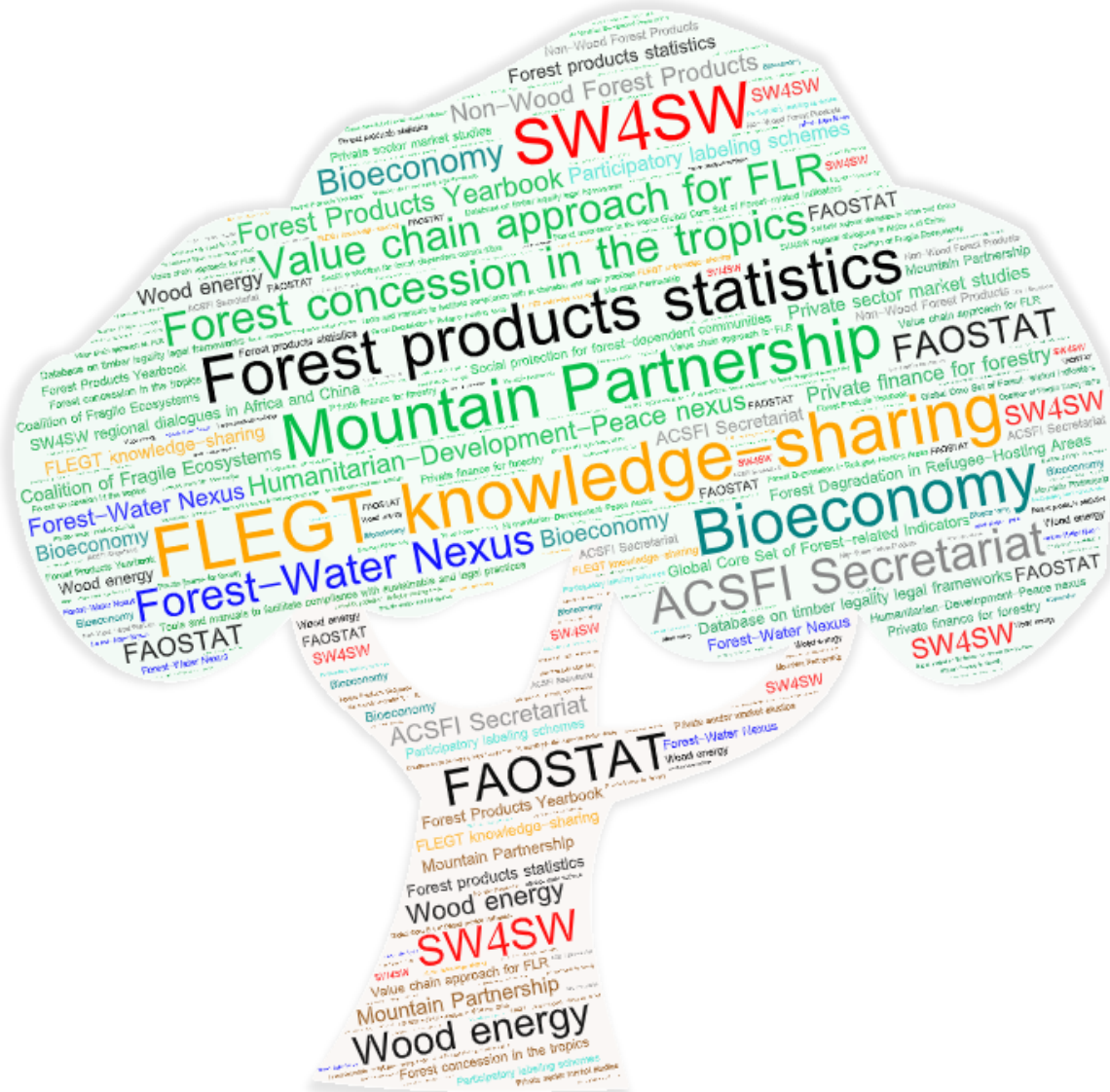




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## 2019/20 priorities

- **Forest Governance and Economics**
- **Forest Products and Statistics**
- **Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Programme**
- **Water and Mountains**



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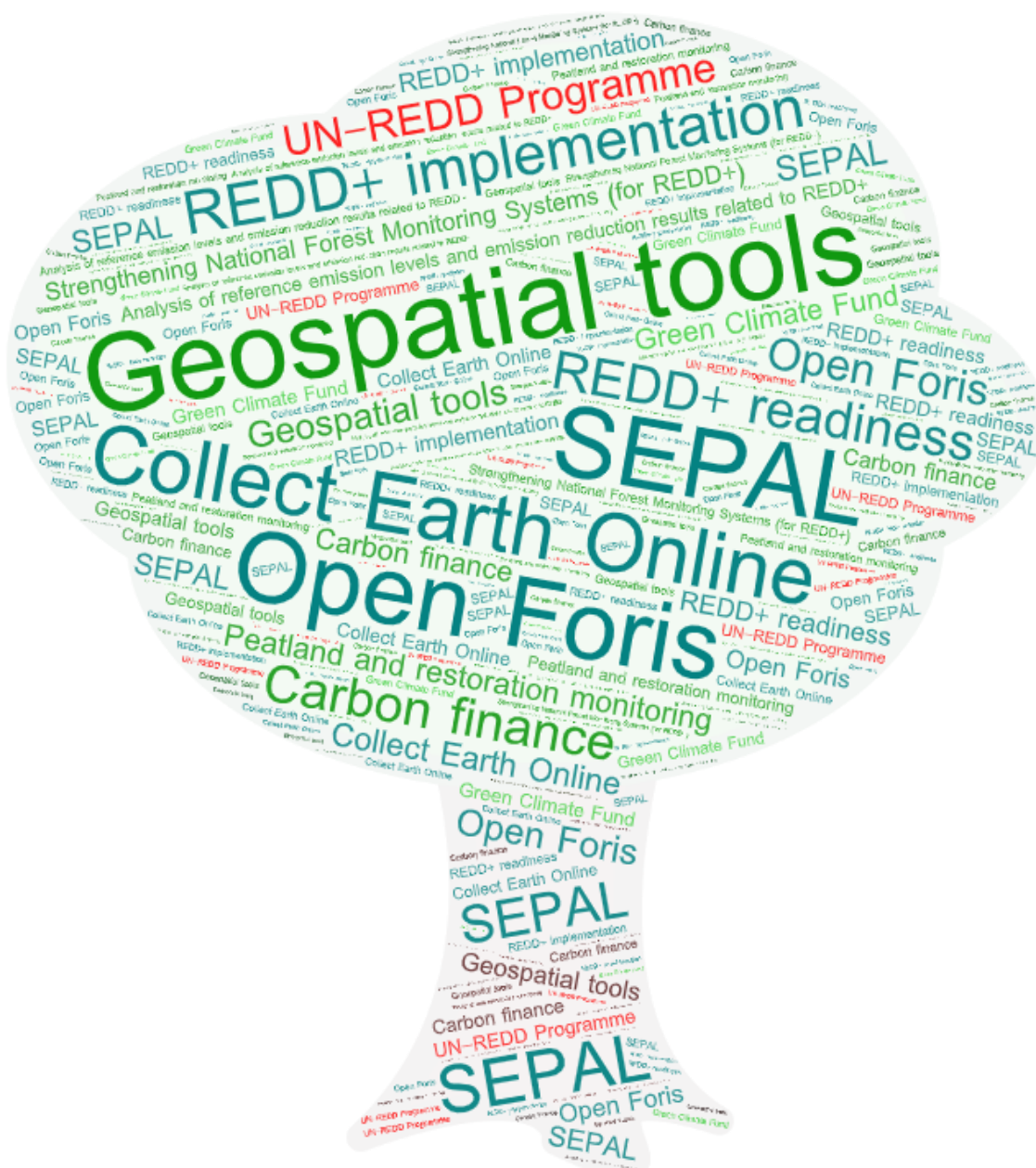


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## 2019/20 priorities

- Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation + (REDD+)
- National Forest Monitoring





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2019/20 priorities

- Forest and Farm Facility
- Social Forestry



## 7. Summary & discussion



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- ACSFI Secretariat – new team established to facilitate synergies with FAO units, programmes and relevant initiatives
- Governance system streamlined
- Outreach activities increased
- ACSFI work plan prepared to facilitate targeted implementation and monitoring
- FAO's Forestry Department achievements and priorities – opportunities for engagement with ACSFI and its members



# 7. Summary & discussion



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## Q & A

1. Any guidance from ACSFI members on future outreach priorities?
2. Are ACSFI members interested in webinars on carbon mitigation potential from harvested wood products (HWP) and wood encouragement policies?
3. Initial comments on the proposed activities for this biennium?
  - Core events
  - Innovative forest product value chains
  - ACSFI Strategic Review (*further discussed in the following session!*)
  - Forest renewables – High carbon substitutes (*further discussed in a later session!*)
  - Restoring ecosystem – Enhancing productive landscapes
  - *Any possible implications of the pandemic on our work?*



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# THANK YOU!



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