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INDUSTRIES (ACSFI)

Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries

62nd Annual Meeting

Tuesday 27 April 2021 (Day one)



1. Welcome



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- Welcome and adoption of the agenda

Agenda Day 1



| | Item | |
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| 1. | Welcome & overview of Day One | ACSF Chair |
| 2. | Message from the Director of FAO Forestry Division | Mette Wilkie |
| 3. | Update from the ACSFI Secretariat | Secretary ACSFI |
| 4. | Proposed approach to appoint new ACSFI members and observers | Secretary ACSFI |
| | Membership proposal breakout discussion groups | All |
| | BREAK | |
| | Membership proposal: Discussion group report back & discussion | ACSF Chair |
| 5. | Update on SW4SW and related outreach and communication | Thais LinharesJuvenal & Maria De Cristofaro, FAO |
| 6. | ACSF Chair and Vice Chair changes | ACSF Secretary |
| 7. | Any Other Business | ACSF Chair |
| 8. | End Day 1 | ACSF Chair |

2. Welcome



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- Message from Mette Wilkie (Director of FAO Forestry Division)

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2020-2030 ACSFI Strategic Framework implementation

- ACSFI **Strategic Review and Framework** endorsed and completed
- Governance: **Membership** for discussion today
- Increased **outreach** and awareness raising activities
- Focus on the development of **strategic partnerships**
- **COVID-19** response: information exchanged
- Promotion of **bioeconomy**: EFI report release by mid 2021
- Initiate work on **Decade for Ecosystem Restoration**
- **SDGs**: ACSFI reports include recommendations for impact

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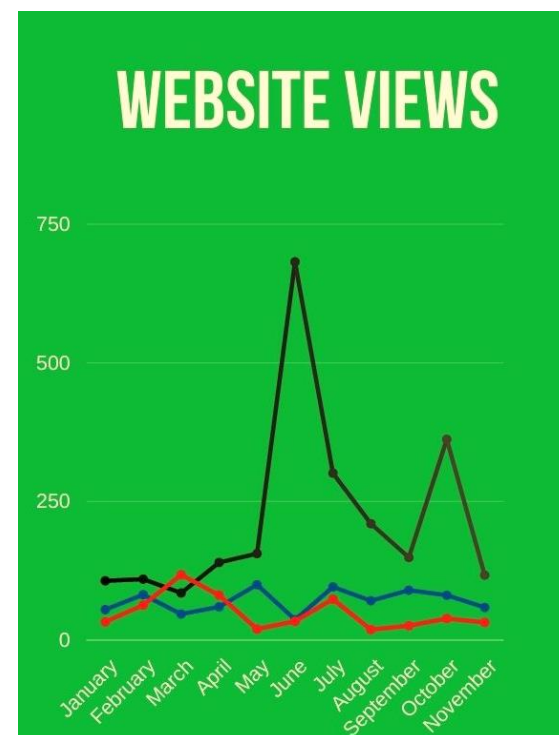


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■ Increased outreach and awareness raising activities

- At a Glance brochure
- Regular website updates
- Regular ACSFI bulletin distributed
- Regular “tweets”
- ACSFI Statements
- 6 webinars organized
- Participation in 7 (non-ACSFI) events (FAO, UNFF, UNECE, WFC)

→ 2020
→ 2019
→ 2018



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- **Focus on the development of strategic partnerships**



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■ COVID-19 response: information exchanged

- ✓ Statement
- ✓ 2 webinars
- ✓ Report *COVID-19 Impacts on the Global Forest Sector: 2020 and Beyond*



8 October 2020

The Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries (ACSFI) is a statutory body that guides FAO on issues concerning the sustainable consumption and production of forest products. It also provides a forum for dialogue between Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the private sector, with a view to identifying strategic actions that promote sustainable forest management.

The ACSFI *recognizes* that the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting all aspects of our lives across the world, including the food trade, food supply chains and markets, as well as people's lives, livelihoods, and nutrition.

The ACSFI *highlights* that during the pandemic, forest products have played a crucial role in keeping people safe and healthy by providing personal protective equipment, and other supplies and services, including hygiene and sanitary products, biomass for heating, ethanol for sanitizers, respirator paper, and packaging for food and other products. In order to continue the uninterrupted supply of these products, the forest sector has been appropriately recognized in many parts of the world as an essential service.

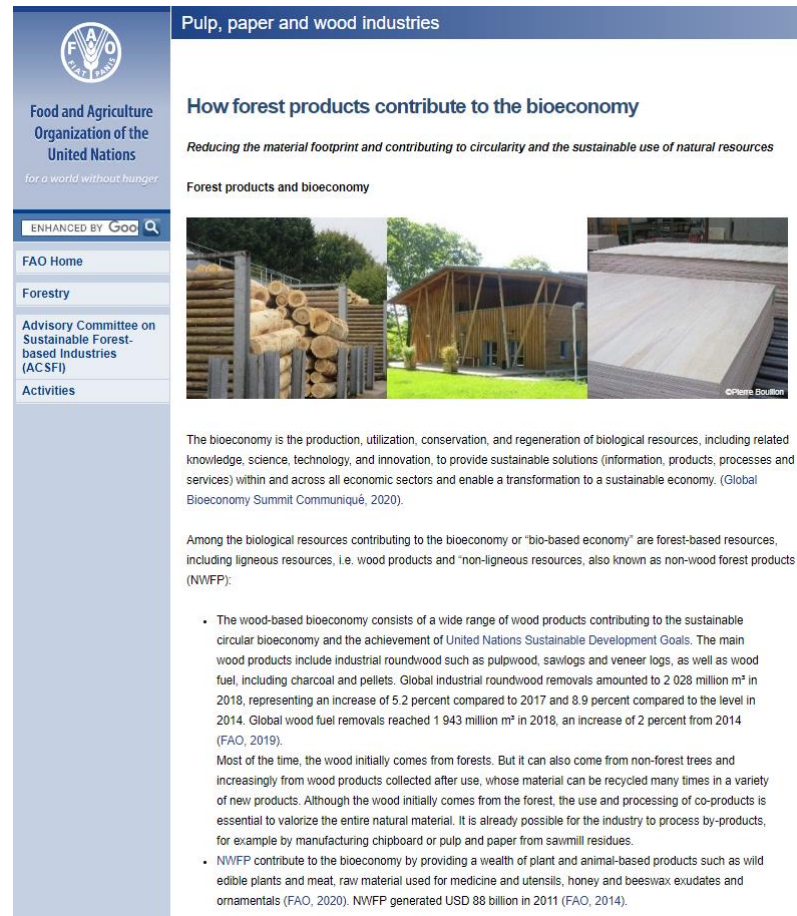
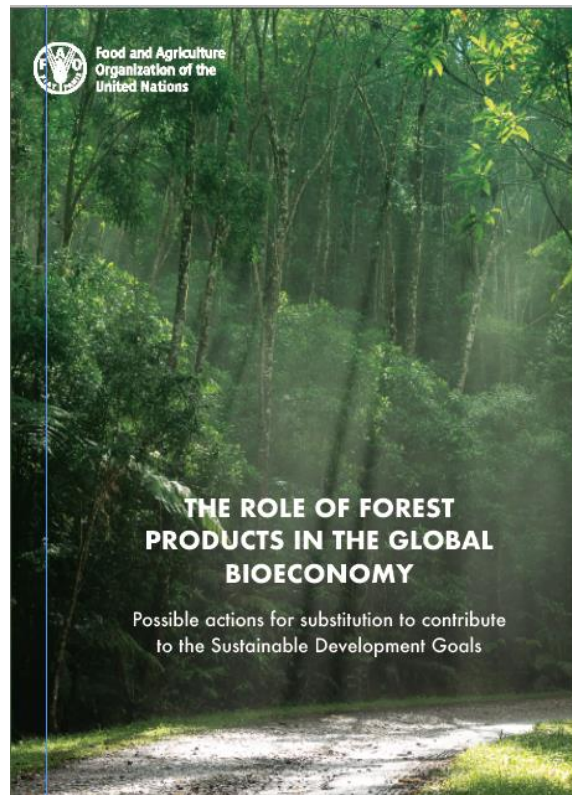
The ACSFI *acknowledges* and *applauds* the calls of global business leaders for COVID-19 recovery plans to be green, sustainable and climate-smart, recognizing that the underlying need for transforming our economies has, if anything, intensified as a result of the pandemic.

The ACSFI *applies* the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General António Guterres' ambitions for saving lives and livelihoods and building a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable future that involves beating the virus, addressing climate change and creating new jobs through actions that move us from the grey to the green economy, demonstrating that green growth remains the best growth strategy.

Forest industries provide an essential contribution to net zero emissions recoveries, to which many businesses are committing in line with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, to hold the global rise in average temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit this even further to 1.5 degrees. The 4th assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) supported the important role forest industries will play in meeting this ambition.

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- **Promotion of bioeconomy: EFI report release by mid 2021**



Pulp, paper and wood industries

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Activities

How forest products contribute to the bioeconomy

Reducing the material footprint and contributing to circularity and the sustainable use of natural resources

Forest products and bioeconomy



The bioeconomy is the production, utilization, conservation, and regeneration of biological resources, including related knowledge, science, technology, and innovation, to provide sustainable solutions (information, products, processes and services) within and across all economic sectors and enable a transformation to a sustainable economy. (Global Bioeconomy Summit Communiqué, 2020).

Among the biological resources contributing to the bioeconomy or "bio-based economy" are forest-based resources, including ligneous resources, i.e. wood products and "non-ligneous resources, also known as non-wood forest products (NWFP):

- The wood-based bioeconomy consists of a wide range of wood products contributing to the sustainable circular bioeconomy and the achievement of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The main wood products include industrial roundwood such as pulpwood, sawlogs and veneer logs, as well as wood fuel, including charcoal and pellets. Global industrial roundwood removals amounted to 2 028 million m³ in 2018, representing an increase of 5.2 percent compared to 2017 and 8.9 percent compared to the level in 2014. Global wood fuel removals reached 1 943 million m³ in 2018, an increase of 2 percent from 2014 (FAO, 2019).
- Most of the time, the wood initially comes from forests. But it can also come from non-forest trees and increasingly from wood products collected after use, whose material can be recycled many times in a variety of new products. Although the wood initially comes from the forest, the use and processing of co-products is essential to valorize the entire natural material. It is already possible for the industry to process by-products, for example by manufacturing chipboard or pulp and paper from sawmill residues.
- NWFP contribute to the bioeconomy by providing a wealth of plant and animal-based products such as wild edible plants and meat, raw material used for medicine and utensils, honey and beeswax exudates and ornamentals (FAO, 2020). NWFP generated USD 88 billion in 2011 (FAO, 2014).

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- **Initiate work on Decade for Ecosystem Restoration (webinar 200 attendees and background report being prepared)**

The screenshot shows the ACSFI website interface. At the top, there are language options: english, français, and español. The main header reads "Pulp, paper and wood industries" with a "send by email" link. The left sidebar contains the FAO logo and text: "Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for a world without hunger", "ENHANCED BY Google", and navigation links for "FAO Home", "Forestry", "Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries (ACSFI)", and "Activities".

Challenges and opportunities for the forest sector's engagement in ecosystem restoration



Research shows that some two billion hectares of world's deforested and degraded landscapes offer potential for restoration. Led by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme, the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration runs from 2021 – 2030. Complementing that initiative, the 2020-2030 ACSFI Strategic Framework identifies the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration as a topic of strategic importance.

@Suzano – Ricardo Teles (Brazil)

This webinar sought to understand the relevance, opportunities and risks for the forest-based industries sector to engage in ecosystem restoration activities. It opened with a message from the FAO Forestry Division Director, Ms Mette Wilkie, who highlighted that "the private sector is critical to the long-term restoration, conservation and sustainable use of the world's forests".

These messages were followed by a presentation by Mr Ludwig Liagre, FAO consultant, who provided the first results of an ACSFI background paper focused on the engagement of the private forest sector in ecosystem restoration. Mr Liagre highlighted that many forest-based companies already significantly contribute to ecosystem restoration, both operationally and financially, but with little publicity around it. It was also recognized that while many forest companies are engaged in ecosystem restoration, there may still be a gap between pioneers and many other forest-based industry stakeholders lacking capacities and knowledge to engage adequately.

Related links:

- ▶ Concept note from the webinar [PDF](#)
- ▶ Martin Berg: Nature is Capital [PDF](#)
- ▶ Tomonobu Kumahira Komaza, Airbnb of Forestry [PDF](#)
- ▶ Radha Kuppalli: Private Sector Investment in Ecosystem Restoration [PDF](#)
- ▶ Ludwig Liagre Challenges and opportunities for forest based industry sector engagement in ecosystem restoration. [PDF](#)
- ▶ Francisco Razzolini: Forest Management and Landscape Restoration to Preserve Biodiversity and

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- **SDGs**
- ✓ ACSFI reports include recommendations for impact



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ACSFI 2021-2022 work plan

Attachment 3.2 -> Proposed ACSFI 2021 work plan



Proposed ACSFI Work Plan 2021-2022

ACSFI Purpose

Provide a forum for dialogue between FAO and the private sector to enhance the understanding of emerging opportunities, and to identify and stimulate strategic actions by FAO, the private sector and other stakeholders that promote sustainable forest management and sustainable consumption and production patterns related to forest products

ACSFI Strategic Goal

Over the next decade, the ACSFI will advise FAO in its work towards the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and seek to enhance FAO's impact by catalyzing innovative forest-related actions through partnerships between FAO, the private sector and other stakeholders.

| Item | Timing | Responsibility & Participation | Expected Results |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1. Core events | | | |
| 1.1 Steering Committee Meeting | December 2020 March 2021 November 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAO Secretariat to organise Steering Committee participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed & engaged Steering Committee Clear and agreed work plan Clear guidance on processes for delivery of 2021 ACSFI meeting |
| 1.2 62 nd Annual ACSFI session | April 2021 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed and engaged ACSFI Committee Clear messaging to deliver to COFO |
| 1.3 World Forestry Congress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Session: Bioeconomy Special Session: Private Sector Investment Forum | May 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAO Secretariat to organise events with participation from selected ACSFI members and other FAO and external partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of partnerships |
| 2. Governance | | | |
| 2.1 Delivery of ACSFI 2020-2030 Strategic Framework | 1 st quarter 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAO Secretariat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear guidance responding to ACSFI actions and initiatives |

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To be included:

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- International Day of Forest 2022

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- **World Forestry Congress**



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- **SOFO**



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- **IDF 2022**



International Day of Forests

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The ACSFI Secretariat asks for endorsement of 2021-22 work plan

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ACSFI Strategic Review

- **Finding 1:** The ACSFI governance system has served the Committee well in its work to date. However, changes are required for the Committee to continue to deliver value in the current global context and to become more forward-looking in its membership, role and contribution to the mission of FAO
- **Recommendation 1.1** FAO should **broaden the membership** of the ACSFI to its maximum, to include additional relevant parts of the forest sector, additional technical expertise, and more representative geographical coverage. Rules for the regular inclusion of observers should be elaborated

4. Proposed approach to appoint new ACSFI members and observers



Members per geographical location

| Europe with Russia | Asia | International | South America | Pacific | North America | Africa |
|---|--------------|---|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Finland | China | Confederation of European Paper Industries | Argentina | Australia | Canada | Ghana |
| France | India | International Family Forest Alliance (Germany) | Brazil | New Zealand | United States | South Africa |
| Germany | Indonesia | International Tropical Timber Technical Association | Paraguay | Solomon Islands | | Kenya |
| Russian Federation | Japan | | Uruguay | Papua New Guinea | | Tanzania |
| Sweden | Malaysia | | Chile | | | Gabon |
| Turkey | Vietnam | | | | | Ethiopia |
| United Kingdom | Myanmar | | | | | Cameroon |
| European Organization of the Sawmill Industry | Philippines | | | | | Nigeria |
| | | | | | | DRC |

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| PRESENT MEMBERS |
| STEERING COMMITTEE |
| PROPOSED MEMBERS |

4. Proposed approach to appoint new ACSFI members and observers



Members per main categories

| | Europe and Central Asia | Asia | Pacific | Africa and Near East | South America and the Caribbean | North America | International |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Pulp & Paper | | | | | | | |
| Wood & Timber Products | | | | | | | |
| Forest Growers, Large | | | | | | | |
| Forest Growers, Small | | | | | | | |
| Bioenergy/ Biomass Producers | | | | | | | |
| NWFP | | | | | | | |

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Observers per main categories

| UN | Int'l | Private sector networks | Governments |
|--|---|--|--|
| United Nations Forum on Forests | World Business Council for Sustainable Development | Malaysian Timber Council | Brazil Permanent Representative to FAO |
| International Labor Organization (ILO) | International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) (Trade Advisory Group) | | |
| United Nations Environment Program | Global Environment Facility (GEF) | Non-Timber Forest Products – Exchange Programme Asia | |
| | Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) | Sustainable Biomass Partnership | |
| | Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification | WoodWorks | |
| | INBAR | Bi-National Softwood Lumber Council | |
| | | The Paper and Packaging Board | |
| | | International Corrugated Case Association | |
| | | American Forestry Landowner Association | |

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| PRESENT OBSERVERS |
| PROPOSED OBSERVERS (by the Secretariat) |
| PROPOSED OBSERVERS (by the Strategic Review) |

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Approach

- You will be divided into breakout groups according to your geographic region
- 30 mins discussion
- Guiding questions

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ACSFI Member questions: Geographic and supply chain considerations

1. Please consider members from **new countries** from your geographic region
2. Are there any possible members from organizations relevant to the ACSFI representing **relevant** (including emerging) **supply chains**?
3. What are your top **three priorities** respectively?

ACSFI Observers questions

1. What **inputs** do we expect from observers to play in the ACSFI?
2. Reflecting on the observer proposal in the papers, please provide the **top 5** suggestions. Are there any other organizations that should be considered as observer to the ACSFI?

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REPORTING BACK

5. Update on SW4SW and related outreach and communication



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6. ACSFI Chair and Vice Chair changes



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7. Any other business



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Thank you for your participation!

See you tomorrow!

