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ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON SUSTAINABLE  
FOREST-BASED  
INDUSTRIES (ACSFI)

## **Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries (ACSFI)**

**63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Hybrid – Seoul, South Korea**

**Meeting Minutes**

30 April 2022

7.00am – 10.00am Central European Time (CET)

14.00 – 17.00 Korean Standard Time (KST)



## Attendees

Members	
Name	Affiliation
Mr Andrew Large	Confederation of Paper Industries, Director-General, United Kingdom
Mr David Rhodes	New Zealand Forest Owners Association, Chief Executive, New Zealand
Mr Derek Nighbor	Forest Products Association of Canada, CEO, Canada
Ms Giulia Fadini	Confederation of European Paper Industries, Innovative Projects Manager, Belgium
Ms Heidi Brock	American Forest and Paper Association, President and Chief Executive, United States of America
Mr Indroyono Soesilo	Chairman, Association of Indonesian Forest Concessionaires, Indonesia
Ms Jane Molony	Paper Manufacturers Association, Executive Director, South Africa
Mr José Carlos da Fonseca Junior (Vice-Chair)	Brazilian Tree Industry (IBA), Institutional Director, Brazil
Mr Lorenz Freiherr Klein von Wisenberg	International Family Forest Alliance, Germany
Mr Ross Hampton (Chair)	Australian Forest Products Association, CEO, Australia
Mr Timo Jaatinen	Finnish Forest Industries Federation, Director-General, Finland
Mr Tsunehiro Ogawa	Japan Paper Association, President, Japan
Mr Wu Shengfu	China Wood Culture Association, President, China
Observers	
Mr Akihiro Aikawa	Japan Paper Association, Assistant to the President, Japan
Ms Angela Graham Brown	Lead, Forest Solutions Group, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Switzerland
Ms Barbara Tavora-Jainchill	Programme Management Officer, Forest Affairs



	UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United States
Mr Barney Chan	International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) (Trade Advisory Group), Malaysia
Ms Camilla Bragotto Marangon and Ms Nathalia Granato	Brazilian Tree Industry (IBA), Brazil
Ms Francoise Van de Ven	ATIBT, President, France
Mr Jukka Kantola	Founder, World Bioeconomy Forum, Finland
Ms Mariana Marshall Parra	Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO, WFP and IFAD, Italy
<b>FAO</b>	
Mr Ewald Rametsteiner	Deputy Director, Forestry Division
Ms Francesca Bertola (Rapporteur)	Consultant, ACSFI Secretariat, Forestry Division
Ms Lyndall Bull (Rapporteur)	Forestry Officer, Forestry Officer, Sustainable Forest Products, ACSFI Secretariat, Forestry Division
Mr Sven Walter (Secretary)	Senior Forestry Officer, ACSFI Secretary, Forestry Division
<b>External presenters</b>	
Mr Ben Vickers	Land Use, Forests and Ecosystem Sector Senior Specialist, Green Climate Fund, South Korea
Mr Mokena Makeka	Principal, Dalberg Advisors, South Africa
<b>Apologies</b>	
Mr Boris Zingarevich	Russian National Pulp and Paper Association (RAO Bumprom), Vice-President, Russian Federation
Ms Carina Håkansson	Swedish Forest Industries Federation, Senior Advisor, Sweden
Mr Hüseyin Güler	Business Planning & Innovation Director, Kastomonu Entegre, Turkey
Mr José Urtubey	Grupo Tapebicuá, Director, Argentina



Mr Kwame Asamoah Adam	Ghana Timber Millers Organization, Chief Executive Officer, Ghana
Mr Olman Serrano	Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux (ATIBT), President, France
Mr Paul-Antoine Lacour	Union Française des Industries des Cartons, Papiers et Celluloses (COPACEL), Directeur général, France
Mr Shobhan Mittal	Greenply Industries, President, India



## 63<sup>rd</sup> Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest Based Industries (ACSF)

### Annual Meeting

**DRAFT Agenda**

**(30 April 2022)**

7.00am – 10.00am CET

14.00 – 17.00 KST

	Time	Item	Who
1.	14.00	Welcome & adoption of the agenda	Chair
2.	14.05	Message from FAO Forestry Deputy Director (updates and priorities of FAO Forestry Division)	Ewald Rametsteiner
3.	14.15	Noting of the minutes of 62 <sup>nd</sup> ACSFI meeting	Chair
<b>Bioeconomy and Ecosystem Restoration</b>			
4.	14.20	Update on ACSFI's 2022-23 work plan, including its work on the Bioeconomy and Ecosystem Restoration (including endorsement of ACSFI 2022 - 2023 Work Plan)	Secretariat
5.	14.35	Building a Sustainable Circular Bioeconomy in Africa Through Forest Products: trends, opportunities and challenges	Mokena Makeka, Dalberg Advisors
<b>Enhancing the role of forest-based industries in global sustainability initiatives</b>			
6.	14.50	Insights and opportunities for private sector collaboration with the Green Climate Fund (GCF)	Ben Vickers, Land Use, Forests and Ecosystem Sector Senior Specialist
	15.00	Q&A	All
7.	15.20	Open discussion on COP27	
	15.45	BREAK	Chair
<b>ACSF Governance and planning</b>			
8.	16.00	Update on new ACSFI members	Secretariat
9.	16.10	Proposed ACSFI Key Messages to COF026	Chair
10.	16.30	2023 ACSFI Annual Meeting Location	Chair
11.	16.45	Any Other business	Chair
12.	17.00	Meeting close	Chair



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**Agenda Item 1      Welcome & adoption of the agenda**

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**Discussion:**

It had been previously agreed that, due to the Australian elections, Chair Mr Ross Hampton, would be unable to attend Korea in person and, as he would be participating by video, it would be preferable to have the Vice-Chair who could be in the room, oversee the meeting.

The ACSFI Vice-Chair Mr José Carlos da Fonseca Junior, opened the meeting at 14.00 Korean South Time.

The Vice-Chair welcomed members, observers, secretariat, FAO staff and presenters to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the ACSFI. As the meeting was organized back to back with the strategic meeting of the International Council of Forest & Paper Associations (ICFPA), he recognized the excellent cooperation between ICFPA and ACSFI.

The Vice-Chair acknowledged that while it would have been preferable to meet all in person, was grateful for the hybrid set up, which allowed everyone to join online and/or in person in Seoul.

A request for Any Other Business items to be raised in Item 11 was made. No requests were made.

The Vice-Chair welcomed all participants to provide a brief introduction.

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**Discussion:**

The Vice-Chair welcomed Mr Ewald Rametsteiner, Deputy Director of FAO's Forestry Division.

Mr Rametsteiner gave a warm welcome to the participants and congratulated the ACSFI for the work completed in the last year, including the:

- [ACSFI Bioeconomy Statement](#) released at the World Bioeconomy Forum (October 2021); and
- Publication: "[The role of forest products in the global Bioeconomy - wood-based products contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals](#)" as part of [International Day of Forests 2022](#) celebrations.

He highlighted that the ACSFI is fulfilling its role in advising FAO, in particular in the area of bioeconomy, a strategically important topic for the organization, as it is part of one of the twenty Programme Priority Areas (PPA) proposed in the [FAO Director-General's Medium Term Plan 2022-2025](#).

Mr Rametsteiner thanked the Secretariat for its support to this Committee.

He provided afterwards, an overview of FAO's priorities. FAO is moving forward with [Strategy for Private Sector Engagement 2021-2025](#) while being guided by a new [Strategic Framework 2022-31](#) that focuses on 4 main areas: [the four Betters](#):

1. *Better* production to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
2. *Better* nutrition to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition in all its forms



3. *Better* environment to protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial and marine ecosystems; and
4. *Better* life to promote inclusive economic growth by reducing inequalities

FAO's work in forestry is currently focused around the following priorities:

1. Halting Deforestation and Enhancing Resilience;
2. Mainstreaming Biodiversity and Restoring Forest Ecosystems;
3. Enhancing Sustainable Production, Use and Livelihoods; and
4. Improving forest-related data, statistics and analysis.

Finally the Deputy Director highlighted the upcoming events that are significant for the Forestry Division:

- [World Forestry Congress \(2-6 May 2022\)](#), which will see the launch of the flagship publication on the [State of the World's Forests 2022 \(SOFO\)](#);
- [Committee on Forestry \(COFO\)](#) (3-7 October 2022) and related World Forest Week; and
- COP27 (7-18 November 2022) which will provide an excellent opportunity for ACSFI participation.

Mr Rametsteiner thanked everyone and wished all participants a successful meeting.

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<b>Agenda Item 3</b>	<b>Noting of the minutes of 62<sup>nd</sup> ACSFI meeting</b>
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**Discussion:**

Minutes were accepted with no amendments. The ACSFI met all the action points.

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<b>Agenda Item 4</b>	<b>Update on ACSFI's 2022-23 work plan</b> <small>Error! Reference source not found.</small>
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**Discussion:**

Mr Sven Walter provided an update of the work completed since the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual ACSFI meeting and provided an outline of the work proposed for 2022. These outputs were structured around the two areas of strategic priority identified by the [ACSFI Strategic Framework 2020-2030](#), Bioeconomy and Ecosystem Restoration.

The following main achievements were presented:

**Bioeconomy**

- ✓ [Webinar: Reconstructing our climate: Using wood as the building material to promote sustainable housing \(Sept 2021\)](#)
- ✓ [Webinar: Forests and fibre: a renewable and sustainable solution to the Just Transition, economic recovery, circular economy and climate change \(November 2021\)](#)
- ✓ [ACSFI Bioeconomy Statement \(October 2021, at World Bioeconomy Forum\)](#)



- ✓ [Report: Forest products in the global bioeconomy: Enabling substitution by wood-based products and contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals \(with EFI, March 2022\)](#)
- ✓ [Report: Climate change mitigation and harvested wood products: Lessons learned from three case studies in Asia and the Pacific \(March 2022\)](#)
- ✓ Draft report: Building a Sustainable Circular Bioeconomy in Africa Through Forest Products: Trends, Opportunities and Challenges (Developed in cooperation with Dalberg and intended to be launched in 2022)
- ✓ Draft report: Wood residues for energy as part of a bioeconomy transition to help meet the SDGs: Analysis of good practices and lessons learned in developing countries (Developed in cooperation with the University of Laval and to be launched in late 2022)

### **Ecosystem Restoration**

- ✓ Draft report “Status, challenges and opportunities of private forestry sector commitments to unleash sustainable financing solutions for ecosystem restoration”
- ✓ Draft ACSFI Statement on Ecosystem Restoration
- ✓ Integration of learnings into WFC Investment Forum

Mr Sven Walter also recognized the support provided by the ACSFI Secretariat and by some of the ACSFI members to FAO corporate events and priorities, including:

- ✓ [International Day of Forests \(March 2022\)](#)
- ✓ [World Forestry Congress \(May 2022\)](#)
  - [Special event Sustainable investments in forests for people, profit and nature](#)
  - [Special event The contribution of a forest circular bioeconomy to sustainable development](#)
- ✓ [State of the World's Forest 2022](#)

Upcoming events that are expected to see strong ACSFI engagement include:

- African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC) (date to be confirmed)
- COFO26 (3-7 October 2022)
- UN Climate Change Conference 2022 (UNFCCC COP 27) (8-20 November 2022)

No comments or objections were made to the proposed 2022 ACSFI's work priorities. The workplan was approved by the Committee.

It was recognized that the International Council of Forest and Paper Associations (ICFPA) is now a representative of the United Nations Forum on Forests' (UNFF) Major Group on Business and Industry, as a result of the contact initiated by the ACSFI Secretariat.



Participants expressed their appreciation on the FAO determination on maximizing the opportunity to work with the private sector in order to achieve the objectives of the organization and overarching objectives such as the Sustainable Development Goals.

Highlights from the FAO Director-General were cited, with regards to the need for engagement with the private sector if the world is to meet the SDGs.

Positive comments were also made on the participation of the ACSFI in the World Bioeconomy Forum, as an opportunity to better understand how forestry can establish linkages with other sectors in support of a transition to a bioeconomy.

Participants reiterated their interest in FAO's work on 'harvested wood products' and 'the role of wood residues in the transition to sustainable bioenergy' as key topics to better understand and highlight the contribution of the forest sector to achieve climate change targets including through the substitution of fossil-fuel based products.

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Distribute updated ACSFI Ecosystem Restoration Statement	Secretariat	30 June 2022
Send the invitation for the webinar on the preliminary findings of the study 'Wood residues for energy as part of a bioeconomy transition to help meet the SDGs: Analysis of good practices and lessons learned in developing countries'	Secretariat	27 May 2022
Distribute to ACSFI members the draft report on Wood residues for energy as part of a bioeconomy transition to help meet the SDGs: Analysis of good practices and lessons learned in developing countries'	Secretariat	15 July 2022
Distribute final the report Building a Sustainable Circular Bioeconomy in Africa Through Forest Products: Trends, Opportunities and Challenges	Secretariat	9 September 2022
Distribute final report "Status, challenges and opportunities of private forestry sector commitments to unleash sustainable financing solutions for ecosystem restoration"	Secretariat	31 October 2022

<b>Agenda Item 5</b>	Error! Reference source not found. <b>Building a Sustainable Circular Bioeconomy in Africa Through Forest Products: trends, opportunities and challenges</b>
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**Discussion:**

Mr Mokena Makeka, Principal, Dalberg Advisors, delivered insights from the draft joint FAO/Dalberg study: "Building a Sustainable Circular Bioeconomy in Africa Through Forest Products: Trends, Opportunities and Challenges."

The study provides an assessment of the current status of Africa's forest and circular bioeconomy and prospective future trends and opportunities. The report seeks to provide an understanding of the current status of the forest economy in Africa including consumption and production trends, sector entry points, existing market opportunities, challenges, lesson learnt, and gaps, as well as impactful investment cases for the forest and circular bioeconomy. The report is expected to be launched at the upcoming FAO Africa Forest and Wildlife Commission meeting.

The Q&A session included reflections on:

- The important role of cities and the likely construction boom as populations expand and increase in wealth;
- Ensuring that new forests are planted in the right place for the right reason and that existing forests continue to be sustainably managed to realize sustainable production and consumption and conservation goals
- The role of indigenous communities' participation in the bioeconomy

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
ACSFI Secretariat to share details of the upcoming FAO Africa Forest and Wildlife Commission meeting.	Secretariat	15 July 2020

#### **Agenda Item 6      Insights and opportunities for private sector collaboration with the Green Climate Fund (GCF)**

##### **Discussion:**

Mr Ben Vickers, Green Climate Fund (GCF), Land Use, Forests and Ecosystem Sector Senior Specialist, provided an overview of the Green Climate Fund including its work on forests, in particular, how the GCF collaborates with the private sector.

The Q&A session included reflections on the evolving system of certification and blended finance.

#### **Agenda Item 7      Open discussion on COP27**

##### **Discussion:**

Mr Ross Hampton, invited members to an open discussion to consider the ACSFI's participation at the upcoming UNFCCC COP27 to be held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt 7-18 November 2022.

The discussion started with a reflection on the take home messages from the previous COP26 (Glasgow)

The discussion saw the participants express concerns about climate change, including the recognition of the need to meet forest-based sustainable consumption and production goals to meet global climate and deforestation targets.



It was mentioned that it would be ideal to have the ACSFI's active participation at the upcoming COP27. The possibility of a joint event between FAO and ACSFI members could be explored.

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
ACSFI Secretariat to explore opportunities for a joint event with ACSFI members at COP27	Secretariat	15 July 2022

#### Agenda Item 8 Update on new ACSFI members

##### Discussion:

Mr Sven Walter provided an update on the new ACSFI members and observers' endorsement process.

Following the discussions at the 62nd Annual Meeting, the ACSFI Secretariat has contacted potential candidates, suggested by ACSFI members and FAO colleagues, and identified possible new ACSFI members and advisors. The process to formally endorse new ACSFI members is the following:

1. Endorsement from Steering Committee
2. Request for non-objection of all ACSFI members
3. Endorsement from FAO Director-General
4. Send confirmation letters to new members

The endorsement process is currently at Step 3.

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Following their endorsement from the FAO Director-General ACSFI Secretariat to send confirmation letters to new members	Secretariat	9 September 2022

#### Agenda Item 9 Proposed ACSFI Key Messages to COFO26Error! Reference source not found.

##### Discussion:

Mr Sven Walter presented some draft key messages and points for consideration that the ACSFI Chair will report to the next [Committee on Forestry](#) (COFO26) in October 2022. These will form part of the mandatory support document that the statutory bodies are requested to provide to each COFO session.



It was agreed that there will be further opportunities for additional refinements of these messages and they will be circulated to the ACSFI prior to their submission to COFO.

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Secretariat to share a revised version of the draft key messages to prior to COFO26	Secretariat	15 June 2022

**Agenda Item 10**      **2023 ACSFI Annual Meeting Location** Error! Reference source not found.

**Discussion:**

The ACSFI Chair, Mr Ross Hampton, has extended an invitation for the next ACSFI meeting to take place in Australia. However, due to the evolving situation related to the pandemic, the options of hosting the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting online, in a hybrid format or at an alternative location remains open.

The decision on the arrangements for the next ACSFI meeting will be communicated to members by the end of October 2022.

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Provide an update to members with the proposed meeting location for the 64 <sup>th</sup> Annual ACSFI meeting	Secretariat	21 October 2022

**Agenda Item 11**      **Any Other business** Error! Reference source not found.

**Discussion:**

No other business were mentioned.

**Agenda Item 12**      Error! Reference source not found. **Meeting close** Error! Reference source not found.

The meeting closed at 17.00 Korean Standard Time (KST).