



## MEASURES TAKEN BY MEMBERS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE AFRICAN FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION



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### **Introduction.**

- Document - FO:AFWC/2016/7.2
- Presents a synthesis of activities undertaken
- Only 9 countries responded
- All respondents implemented the recommendations.

### **Respondents:**

- **Burundi**
- **Central African Republic**
- **Ethiopia**
- **Gambia**
- **Guinea**
- **Malawi**
- **Namibia**
- **South Africa**
- **Togo**



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### **COM: Encouraged members to adequately capture forestry and wildlife sector's contribution in national accounts**

#### Measures:

- Estimates available in some cases
- Less accounting of NWFP
- Contributions under review
- Studies underway
- Value of ecosystem services not captured
- Working with national statistics agencies



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**COM: Requested members to strengthen institutional and human capacity to support the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on National Forests Monitoring at national local levels**

### Measures:

- Institutional arrangements
- Capacity development on national forest monitoring
- Policy reviews in progress
- Participatory processes promoted



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**COM:** Invited members to support the XIV World Forestry Congress and encouraged the widest possible attendance and participation from all sectors within the Region

### Measures:

- Participation in XIV
- High (Ministerial) level representation
- Publicity
- Academia and partner participation



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**Com: Encouraged members to involve local communities in planning and forest management allowing efforts to integrate forests and agricultural practices at landscape level.**

### Measures:

- Framework based on a participatory approach developed
- Forestry Codes recognizing communities exist
- Policy and legislation for Community management and ownership of forests
- Decentralization for equitable use of forest and wildlife resources
- Platforms for Community participation in policy formulation, planning and implementation



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**Com: recommended that members take action to put in place necessary incentives to attract well qualified and interested students to the forestry profession**

### Measures:

- **Guidelines developed/adopted for incorporation of forestry in tertiary education**
- **South-south Cooperation for capacity development**
- **Forestry training/education institutions promoted at variously levels**
- **More professional forestry positions created in some countries**



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**Com:** Recommend that countries in the region engage actively in the discussions on a forest-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through the Members of the Open Working Group to ensure that the full contributions of forests to sustainable development are fully captured in the SDGs

### Measures

- Participation in various working groups
- Providing comments to the Open Working Group
- National working groups to integrate relevant SDGs
- Participation in related regional global processes – e.g. UNCCD COMIFAC; etc.





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**Com: Recommended that FAO and Members strengthen forestry communication at all levels in the continent to enhance public participation in forest and wildlife management and to increase their profile in the government systems**

### Measures:

- **Websites for forestry information**
- **Partnerships in communication**
- **Forestry communication strategies developed**
- **Established inter-agency committees to combat crime and increase visibility for forestry and wildlife**
- **Inter-country information sharing**
- **Forums and meetings with local communities**



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**Com: Invited members and observers to send their inputs to the preparations of the XIV World Forestry Congress, specifically to:**

- a. Draw on the highest priority issues of the Region, propose themes and topics;
- b. Identify potential contact points and speakers;
- c. Convey information needs about the Congress

### Measures:

- Presentations at XIV WFC
- Contributions to theme proposals
- Attendance at the Congress
- Contribution of priority issues for consideration
- High (Ministerial) level representation and presentation



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### **Challenges**

- **Ebola Virus outbreak – prevented Guinea from participating in many fora**
- **Limited financial and institutional capacities to implement**
- **Limited created job opportunities in the forestry sector**



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