Introduction to the initiative
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Sustainable wood value chains can conserve our forests while giving us sustainable wood products fundamental to achievement of the SDGs and climate change mitigation.
What are sustainable wood value chains?

- Efficiently generate environmental and socioeconomic benefits across all its segments through:
  - Compliance with sustainable forest management of natural and planted forests;
  - Respect to sustainable landscapes;
  - Commitment to efficient production;
  - Supported by enabling regulation and finance;
  - Compliance with international and national social and labour standards;
  - Committed to responsible consumption; and
  - Contributes to the bioeconomy.
INSTITUTIONAL
Policies, laws, institutional frameworks and capacity exist and are clear

ECONOMIC
Firms throughout the chain are profitable

ENVIRONMENTAL
Landscape and site productivity and environmental values are sustained

SOCIAL
Human and labor rights are respected
Sustainable wood value chains

**Economic sustainability**
- 01. Economic viability
- 02. Resource use
- 03. Net trade balance
- 04. Total production
- 05. Forest sector enterprise structure
- 06. Forest management certification and standardization
- 07. RD&E and investment
- 08. Compliance with economic legislation

**Social sustainability**
- 09. Quality of employment
- 10. Wages and salaries
- 11. Education and training
- 12. Social innovations
- 13. Corporate social responsibility
- 14. Legal aspects of social protection and decent employment
- 15. Value chain inclusiveness
- 16. Occupational safety and health

**Environmental sustainability**
- 17. Legal aspects of environmental protection
- 18. Air pollution
- 19. Forest biodiversity
- 20. GHG emissions and renewable energy use
- 21. Soil condition
- 22. Water use
- 23. Generation of waste
- 24. Forest health

**Institutional sustainability**
- 25. Compliance with legislation
- 26. Policy and institutions
- 27. Formal relations between value chain actors
- 28. Transparency of transactions
- 29. Public sector management and institutions
- 30. Investment environment
The Sustainable wood for a Sustainable World Joint CPF Initiative

Coalition of international organizations to improve sustainability of wood value chains for achievement of the SDGs and climate change objectives
Objectives

01. Raise awareness of the availability of sustainable wood products and their wide uses and benefits;

02. Dispel perception of wood production as a driver of environmental damage and inequity;

03. Unblock markets and finance for sustainable wood;

04. Build Capacity for strengthening sustainable wood value chains;

05. Show how, when and where wood contributes to sustainable bioeconomy;

Exploring the linkages between:
- Forest management
- Landscapes
- Value chains
- Livelihoods
- Markets
- Investments and financing mechanisms
SW4SW Concrete actions

- Forest value chains’ sustainability assessments to improve and monitor wood value chains
- Assessment of contributions to the SDGs and climate change strategies
- Support to timber legality
- Policy and institutional development for production and consumption of sustainable wood products
- Platforms for sustainable landscape dialogues
- Connection to end markets, such as construction
- Support to cross-sectoral policies to incentivize sustainable forest management and consumption of sustainable wood
- Address trade barriers to market development
- Generation of sound evidence
- Dissemination of knowledge and innovations
- Fostering technical cooperation, including South-South cooperation
- Capacity building for accessing finance
The Initiative operates at four levels:

**POLICY LEVEL**
- Improved policy, incentives and institutional frameworks

**OPERATIONAL LEVEL**
- Promote knowledge, innovation, productivity, employment, governance and inclusiveness

**SCIENTIFIC LEVEL**
- Evidence-based picture of wood production

**POLITICAL LEVEL**
- Advocacy of the wide-reaching benefits of sustainable wood
Technical support

✓ Voluntary guidelines for forest concessions in Latina America (Peru and Guatemala) and Mozambique.

✓ Expert meeting 2-3 April 2019 FAO HQ, Rome: “Catalyzing private finance for inclusive and sustainable forest value chains”

✓ Support to Uganda and Kenya on finance for small holders

✓ Regional dialogues:
  - Cameroon: 29-30 May 2019;
  - South Africa 29-31 October 2019;
  - China, 23-25 November 2019;
Thank you

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