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ON SUSTAINABLE  
FOREST-BASED  
INDUSTRIES (ACSFI)

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

**62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021

11:30 – 14:30 CET



## Attendees

Members	
Name	Affiliation
Ms Carina Håkansson (Chair)	Swedish Forest Industries Federation, Senior Advisor, Sweden
Mr David Rhodes	New Zealand Forest Owners Association, Chief Executive Officer, New Zealand
Mr Derek Nighbor	Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC), Chief Executive Officer, Canada
Ms Giulia Fadini	Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI), Innovative Projects Manager, Belgium
Ms Heidi Brock	American Forest and Paper Association, President and Chief Executive Officer, United States of America
Mr Hüseyin Güler	Kastomonu Entegre Business Planning & Innovation Director, Turkey
Ms Jane Molony	Paper Manufacturers Association, Executive Director, South Africa
Mr José Carlos da Fonseca Junior	Brazilian Tree Industry (Ibá), Executive Director, Brazil
Mr Kwame Asamoah Adam	Ghana Timber Millers Organization, Chief Executive Officer, Ghana
Mr Paul-Antoine Lacour	Union Française des Industries des Cartons, Papiers et Celluloses (COPACEL), Directeur général, France
Mr Ross Hampton (Vice Chair)	Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA), Chief Executive Officer, 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 (Day 2)	World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Lead, Forest Solutions Group
Ms Barbara Tavora-Jainchill	Programme Management Officer, Forest Affairs UN Forum on Forests Secretariat (UNFF)   Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Mr Campbell Cooney	Australian Forest Products Association, Senior Communications Manager, Australia
Ms Kate Lindsay (Day 1)	Forest Products Association of Canada Senior Vice President, Canada
Ms Nathalia Granato	Brazilian Tree Industry (IBA), Sustentabilidade e Assuntos Florestais, Brazil
Ms Renata Negrelly Nogueira	Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO, WFP and IFAD, Italy
Mr Tim Ebner	American Forest and Paper Association, Director, Communications / Press Secretary, United States of America
Mr Tomoaki Kimura	Japan Paper Association, Manager, Japan
<b>FAO</b>	
Mr Arturo Gianvenuti (Day 2)	Consultant, Forest Products and Statistics, Forestry Division
Ms Ashley Steel	Forestry Officer, Forest Products and Statistics, Forestry Division
Mr Benjamin Caldwell	Forestry Officer, Forestry Division
Ms Dina Moawad	Intern, Forest Products and Statistics, Forestry Division
Ms Francesca Bertola (Rapporteur)	Consultant, Forest Products and Statistics, Forestry Division
Ms Lyndall Bull (Rapporteur)	Forestry Officer, Forest Products and Statistics, Forestry Division
Mr Ludwig Liagre (Day 2)	Consultant, Forestry Division
Ms Maria De Cristofaro (Day 1)	Forestry Officer, Outreach and Capacity Building, Forestry Division
Ms Mette Løyche Wilkie (Day 1)	Director, Forestry Division
Mr Sven Walter (Secretary)	Team Leader, Forest Products and Statistics, Forestry Division



Ms Thais Linhares Juvenal (Day 1)	Team Leader, Forest Economics and Governance, Forestry Division
<b>External presenters</b>	
Ms Claude Durocher (Day 2)	Research associate, Université Laval, Canada
Ms Evelyne Thiffault (Day 2)	Associate professor, Université Laval, Canada
<b>Apologies</b>	
Mr Andrew Large (Day 1)	Confederation of Paper Industries, Director-General, United Kingdom
Mr Boris Zingarevich	Russian National Pulp and Paper Association (RAO Bumprom), Vice-President, Russian Federation
Mr Indroyono Soesilo	Chairman, Association of Indonesian Forest Concessionaires, Indonesia
Mr José Urtubey	Grupo Tapebicuá, Director, Argentina
Mr Lorenz Freiherr Klein von Wisenberg	German Federation of Forestland Owner Associations Member of Board c/o AGDW - Die Waldeigentüemer, Germany
Mr Olman Serrano	Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux (ATIBT), President, France
Mr Shobhan Mittal	Greenply Industries, President, India



Acronyms	
ACFSI	Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries
CEI-BOIS	European Confederation of Woodworking Industries
COFO	Committee on Forestry
EFI	European Forest Institute
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
IDF	International Day of Forests
IPC	International Commission on Poplars and Other Fast-Growing Trees Sustaining People and the Environment
PAC	Program Advisory Committee
PEFC	Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SW4SW	Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests
WFC	World Forestry Congress
WBCSD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development



## Agenda Day 1

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

11.30 – 2.30 CET

### FAO and ACSFI Update

Item	Title	Who
1.	Welcome & overview of Day One	ACSFİ 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	ACSFİ Chair
5.	Update on SW4SW and related outreach and communication	Thais Linhares Juvenal & Maria De Cristofaro, FAO
6.	ACSFİ Chair and Vice Chair changes	ACSFİ Secretary
7.	Any Other Business	ACSFİ Chair
8.	End Day 1	ACSFİ Chair



## Agenda Item 1 Welcome & overview of Day One

### Discussion:

The Chair, Ms Carina Hakansson opened the meeting at 11:30am Central European Time.

The Chair welcomed members, observers, Secretariat, FAO staff and presenters to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ACSFI. The Chair acknowledged that while it would have been preferable to meet in person in Rome, she was grateful for everyone to join online.

A request for Any Other Business items to be raised in Item 9 was made. No requests were made.

## Agenda Item 2 Message from the Director of FAO Forestry Division

### Discussion:

The Chair welcomed Ms Mette Løyche Wilkie, Director of FAO's Forestry Division. Ms Wilkie gave a warm welcome to the participants and provided an overview of FAO's priorities which are centered on three substantive areas:

- Deforestation and forest degradation
- Restoration
- Conservation and sustainable use of forest resources to enhance forest-based livelihoods

FAO has the guiding lens of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a particular focus on SDG 1 no poverty, SDG 2 zero hunger and SDG 10 reduced inequalities.

FAO has developed some 20 priority program areas to address the SDGs, and although there is clearly a link with forests in all of them, the Forestry Division has a focus on selected SDGs. The Division will orient its work on:

- bringing innovation to climate change mitigation and food systems adaptation;
- biodiversity and ecosystem services; and
- bioeconomy for sustainable food and agriculture.

All of these areas require strong engagement with the private sector, especially now that FAO has just launched the [FAO's Strategy for Private Sector Engagement 2021-2025](#).

Ms Mette Løyche Wilkie thanked everyone and wished all participants a successful meeting.



**Agenda Item 3      Update from the ACSFI Secretariat**

**Discussion:**

The ACSFI Secretary, Mr Sven Walter, provided an update on the following items:

<b>ACSFI Strategic Review and Framework</b>	The ACSFI Strategic Framework and Strategic Review have been endorsed and completed. The documents are at the final stage of internal FAO clearance procedures.
<b>Governance</b>	The discussion on how to progress and broaden the membership is a priority for discussion in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> ACSFI Session.
<b>Outreach</b>	Outreach activities have increased and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular ACSFI <a href="#">website</a> updates</li><li>• Monthly ACSFI bulletin distributed to members and observers</li><li>• Multiple FAO Forestry Division “tweets” with the #ACSFI</li><li>• ACSFI COVID-19 Statement: “<i>Building back a better post-COVID-19 world with sustainable forest products</i>” released (October 2020)</li><li>• 6 webinars:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <a href="#">WEBINAR 1: The global forest sector and COVID-19: Navigating a sustainable future in an economically and socially constrained world</a></li><li>2. <a href="#">WEBINAR 2: The global forest sector and COVID-19: Navigating a sustainable future in an economically &amp; socially constrained world</a></li><li>3. <a href="#">"Fostering sustainable wood use in the building sector for greener cities: Lessons-learned from wood encouragement policies"</a></li><li>4. <a href="#">Private sector calls for sustainable forest products to be key to COVID-19 recovery</a></li><li>5. <a href="#">The Climate Change mitigation potential of forest products</a></li><li>6. <a href="#">Challenges and opportunities for forest-based industry sector engagement in ecosystem restoration</a></li></ol></li><li>• Participation in 6 (non-ACSFI) events:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. FAO webinar with the Deputy Director General exploring the organization’s approach to working with the private sector (Chair, July 2020)</li><li>2. United Nations Forum on Forests event on COVID impact on forestry (Chair, September 2020)</li><li>3. The Restoration Initiative (TRI) Program Advisory Committee (PAC) (Chair, October)</li><li>4. COFO High Level Dialogue (Chair, October 2020)</li><li>5. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe event on COVID impact on forestry (Chair, November 2020)</li></ol></li></ul>



	<p>6. D-200 World Forestry Congress event (Vice Chair, November 2020)</p>
<b>Partnership</b>	<p>The ACSFI has been recently been requested by the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) to co-lead as the private sector focal point for the Major Group of Business and Industry in collaboration with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). The process to confirm this is ongoing.</p>
<b>COVID-19 response</b>	<p>COVID-19 response activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Release of ACSFI Statement <a href="#">Building back a better post-COVID-19 world with sustainable forest products</a></li><li>• 2 webinars:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <a href="#">The Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries identifies priorities for building back better</a></li><li>2. <a href="#">The Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries identifies ways to Build Back Better Together and Informed</a></li></ol></li><li>• Report by Dovetail Partners, COVID-19 Impacts on the Global Forest Sector: 2020 and Beyond</li></ul>
<b>Delivery of ACSFI Reports</b>	<p><u>Bioeconomy</u></p> <p>The release of the report “<i>The role of forest products in the global bioeconomy: possible actions for substitution to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals</i>” is planned for mid-2021.</p> <p><u>Ecosystem Restoration</u></p> <p>The background report <i>Challenges and opportunities for forest-based industries’ engagement in ecosystem restoration</i> is currently being prepared. The webinar, <i>Challenges and opportunities for the forest sector’s engagement in ecosystem restoration</i>, delivered on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 supported the development of this report</p>
<b>ACSF 2021-2022 work plan</b>	<p>Core events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World Forestry Congress (2-6 May 2022)</li><li>• State of the Forest Report to be launched at World Forestry Congress (2022)</li><li>• International Day of Forests (21 March 2022)</li></ul> <p>Governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivery of ACSFI Strategic Review and Framework</li><li>• Expansion of ACSFI membership (members and observers)</li></ul> <p>Strategic initiatives:</p>



- Bioeconomy:
  - Report *“The role of forest products in the global bioeconomy: possible actions for substitution to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals”*
  - Statement “
  - Study on *“Using wood residues from forest industries for sustainable modern woodfuels as part of a bioeconomy strategy”*
  - Industrial roundwood production from plantations (with IPC)
  
- Decade on Ecosystem Restoration:
  - Webinar ([Challenges and opportunities for forest-based industry sector engagement in ecosystem restoration](#))
  - Background paper *“Status, challenges and opportunities of forest-based industries engagement for ecosystem restoration”*
  - Statement *“Unleashing the engagement of forest-based industries for ecosystem restoration”*

No comments or objections were made to the proposed 2020 – 2021 ACSFI Work Plan. The Workplan was approved by the Committee.

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Implement the workplan and provide progress reports to the Steering Committee.	Secretariat	July 2021

#### Agenda Item 4 Proposed approach to appoint new ACSFI members and observers

##### Discussion:

The ACSFI Secretary, Mr Sven Walter, introduced the approach to identify potential new ACSFI members and observers.

Members were divided into groups based on their geographic location and invited to reflect on:

- Possible new members that could join the ACSFI, considering the geographic distribution and the organizations representing relevant (including emerging) supply chains.
- The expected role of the observers to play in the ACSFI, providing their top 5 suggestions. (See guidelines in Annex 1)

The following proposals for each of the main geographic regions were made:

##### AFRICA

Proposed new member considerations: Angola, Gambia, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.



Other considerations for members or observers include ensuring small forest growers, sawmilling organizations and relevant non timber businesses such as bamboo, rattan and other non-wood forest products are appropriately represented.

#### ASIA

Proposed new member considerations: Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand and South Korea

Proposed new observer considerations: INBAR and Dare Group.

#### NORTH AMERICA

Proposed new member considerations: Mexico

Other considerations for members or observers include: indigenous land ownership organizations and, certifying agencies such as Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) to be invited as Observers on a case by case basis.

#### SOUTH AMERICA

Proposed new member considerations: Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay

#### EUROPE

Proposed new member considerations: Germany and Bulgaria.

Other considerations for members include relevant (including emerging) supply chain representation such as CEI-Bòois (European Woodworking Industry Confederation), Bioenergy Europe or an appropriate furniture association from Italy/Turkey.

Proposed new observer considerations: EFI (European Forest Institute)

A comment was made that given Observers would likely have limited resources to travel, that it would be useful to have a combination of online and in person meetings and events.

#### PACIFIC

Proposed new member considerations: Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea

South Korea came up as a suggestion during the discussion.

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
ACSF Secretariat to send a request to ACSFI members for contacts for the proposed new ACSFI members	Secretariat	5 June 2021



**Agenda Item 5      Update on SW4SW and related outreach and communication**

**Discussion:**

Ms Thais Linhares Juvenal, Team Leader of the Forest Economics and Governance, Forestry Division, and Ms Maria De Cristofaro, Forestry Officer, Outreach and Capacity Building, Forestry Division, joined the meeting.

Ms Thais Linhares Juvenal, provided an update on the initiative Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW).

Ms Maria De Cristofaro, presented the proposed communication strategy to support and encourage the use of sustainable wood.

Committee members expressed strong support and interest in the SW4SW initiative and the proposed communication strategy.

**Agenda Item 6      ACSFI Chair and Vice Chair changes**

**Discussion:**

As the term of Ms Carina Hakansson as ACSFI Chair has ended, the ACSFI Secretary thanked her for all the work that has been done for the Secretariat and the entire Committee.

The Chair thanked the Secretary and wished a warm good luck to the incoming Chair.

The Secretary then welcomed the incoming Chair Mr Ross Hampton and Vice Chair Mr José Carlos da Fonseca Junior who thanked everyone for the opportunity.

**Agenda Item 7      Any Other Business**

**Discussion:**

No other business was mentioned.

**Agenda Item 8      End of Day 1**

**Discussion:**

The meeting closed at 14.30 Central European Time.

## Agenda Day 2

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021

11.30 – 2.30pm CET

### ACFSI Strategic Initiatives

Item	Title	Who
8.	Welcome & overview of Day Two	ACFSI Incoming Chair
	<b><u>Bioeconomy</u></b>	
9.	Update on ACFSI's work on the bioeconomy	Secretary ACFSI
10.	State of the contribution of forests and forestry to the global bioeconomy	Claude Durocher, FAO
11.	Using wood residues from forest industries for sustainable modern woodfuels as part of a bioeconomy strategy	Prof. Evelyne Thiffault, University of Laval
12.	Assessment of industrial roundwood production from planted forests	Benjamin Caldwell, FAO
	Q&A	ACFSI Incoming Chair
	<b><u>Decade for Ecosystem Restoration</u></b>	
13.	Ecosystem Restoration: Update on Background Report & Decade for Ecosystem Restoration Statement	Ludwig Liagre, FAO
14.	Opportunities for ACFSI Partnership Discussion – Partnership breakout discussion groups	Secretary ACFSI
	Break	
	Opportunities for Partnership: Discussion group report back & discussion	ACFSI Incoming Chair
15.	2022 ACFSI Annual Meeting Location	ACFSI Incoming Chair
16.	Any Other Business	ACFSI Incoming Chair
	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	ACFSI Incoming Chair



**Agenda Item 8 Welcome & overview of Day 1**

**Discussion:**

The incoming Chair Mr Ross Hampton, welcomed all the participants and opened the second day of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the ACSFI with a few remarks, highlighting the importance of the sustainable use of renewable resources and how the ACSFI has a key role in ensuring that the forest sector optimizes its contribution to the world’s sustainability ambitions.

**Agenda Item 9 Update on ACSFI’s work on the bioeconomy**

**Discussion:**

The Secretary Mr Sven Walter, provided an update on the ACSFI’s work on the bioeconomy which include:

- The release of the ACSFI Background report *“The role of forest products in the global bioeconomy: possible actions for substitution to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals”*
- Bioeconomy projects being conducted in association with the ACSFI:
  1. State of the contribution of forests and forestry to the global bioeconomy
  2. Using wood residues from forest industries for sustainable modern woodfuels
  3. Assessment of industrial roundwood production from planted forests
- The role of forests in the bioeconomy in multiple upcoming FAO events and flagship publications:
  1. World Forestry Congress (May 2022)
  2. The State of the World’s Forests 2022 (for release at the World Forestry Congress)
  3. International Day of Forests 2022 (March 21)
- Communication & Dissemination
  1. Range of bioeconomy related materials under development
  2. Bioeconomy website – due to go live in coming weeks
  3. Infographics
  4. Factsheets on innovative forest products
- Draft ACSFI Bioeconomy Statement

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Distribution of the ACSFI Bioeconomy Statement for comments from members	Secretariat	7 June 2021
Feedbacks and comments	Members	30 June 2021
Final layout statement	Secretariat	Early Sept 2021



Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Release of the report <i>The role of forest products in the global bioeconomy: possible actions for substitution to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals</i> and the ACSFI Bioeconomy Statement at the World Bioeconomy Forum	Secretariat	October 2021

#### **Agenda Item 10 State of the contribution of forests and forestry to the global bioeconomy**

##### **Discussion:**

The incoming Chair introduced Ms Claude Durocher.

Ms Claude Durocher, Research Associate at Laval University, (Quebec City), delivered a presentation, providing an overview on:

- the trends, emerging terms and research focus in the areas of bioeconomy, circular and green economy; and
- wood value chains highlighting the different contexts and need for good practices to increase the application of cascading use and to reach a higher level of efficiency and value creation.

The incoming Chair thanked Ms Claude Durocher and introduced Professor Evelyne Thiffault.

#### **Agenda Item 11 Using wood residues from forest industries for sustainable modern woodfuels as part of a bioeconomy strategy**

##### **Discussion:**

The incoming Chair gave the floor to Professor Evelyne Thiffault.

Professor Thiffault, forest engineer and an associate professor at the department of wood and forest sciences at Laval University (Quebec City), made a presentation, providing an overview of the background report focused on wood fuels as part of a bioeconomy strategy which is currently under preparation.

The incoming Chair thanked Ms Evelyne Thiffault and introduced Mr Ben Caldwell

#### **Agenda Item 12 Assessment of industrial roundwood production from planted forests**

##### **Discussion:**

The Chair gave the floor to Mr Ben Caldwell.

Mr Ben Caldwell, Planted Forests Officer, FAO Forestry Division, presented an overview of the information that will be provided in a report that will be made available to policymakers and forest industry practitioners on the production of industrial roundwood from planted forests. The report will include case studies to demonstrate how the productivity of planted forests can be increased sustainably.

The incoming Chair thanked Mr Ben Caldwell for the inspiring presentation, highlighting that the Committee is highly looking forward for the completion of the report.

The Chair opened the floor for questions and/or feedbacks on the three presentations.

Questions were raised with regards to air quality as a potential obstacle to the development of bio energies at a global level and the percentage of residues.

Multiple reflections were made on the challenges and opportunities related to the bioeconomy.

**Agenda Item 13      Ecosystem Restoration: Update on Background Report & Decade for Ecosystem Restoration Statement**

**Discussion:**

The incoming Chair introduced Ms Lyndall Bull and Mr Ludwig Liagre.

- Ms Lyndall Bull provided an update on the ACSFI’s work on Ecosystem restoration which included: The Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (the “Decade”) being co-led by FAO and the United Nations Environment Program
- Launch of the Decade on World Environment Day will be on June 5 2021
- The ACSFI Strategic Framework identifies the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration as a topic of strategic importance
- The ACSFI commissioned a background paper to better understand the relevance, opportunities and risks for the forest-based industries sector to engage in ecosystem restoration activities
- A webinar was held on 24 March as the first ACSFI event part of this workstream

Ms Lyndall Bull gave the floor to Ludwig Liagre.

Mr Ludwig Liagre, Consultant for FAO Forestry Division, made a presentation about the challenges and opportunities for forest-based industries’ engagement in ecosystem restoration, and provided an update on the background report that is currently being prepared. The report focuses on the active role of the private sector (forest sector, finance, and other corporates) to ensure the Decade realizes its goals.

The incoming Chair thanked Mr Ludwig Liagre for the though provoking and fascinating presentation and opened the floor for Q&A and/or comments.

Reflections were made on the need to continue to push for recognition of services that the forest sector can deliver and to increase global communication on the diversity of ecosystem services, including carbon. Many forest companies are involved in ecosystem recovery activities but are not declaring it.

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Distribution of the ACSFI Statement	Secretariat	18 June 2021



Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Distribution of the ACSFI background report on the challenges and opportunities for forest-based industries’ engagement in ecosystem restoration	Secretariat	September 2021

**Agenda Item 14      Opportunities for ACSFI Partnership Discussion – Partnership breakout discussion groups**

**Discussion:**

Ms Lyndall Bull, introduced the approach to the discussion on partnership opportunities for the ACSFI with regards to the Bioeconomy and Ecosystem restoration.

Members were then divided into groups through the ZOOM tool of the breakout rooms and invited to prioritize two of the recommendations proposed in the background reports focused on the bioeconomy and ecosystem restoration, and to reflect on any additional suggestions. (See guidelines in Annex 2)

**Bioeconomy**

Among the proposed recommendations for consideration priority was given to the following:

1. Facilitate knowledge exchange to strengthen the capacity of countries and private sectors in the transformation to a sustainable, circular bioeconomy by sharing technical knowledge, good practices and innovations to mitigate climate change, reduce or prevent pollution and address other trade-offs for a bioeconomy benefiting the environment.
2. Promote international partnerships between academia, industry, finance, and public administration to seek how the transformation to a sustainable, circular bioeconomy could be achieved through sustainable and responsible production and consumption patterns, particularly in sectors where large substitution potentials exist.

Additional suggestions:

- Considering ‘non-traditional’ audiences (banks, financial sector, high tech, investors) that FAO could support

In addition, members were asked to provide ideas as to how FAO could partner with the ACSFI and other representatives from the private sector to progress the recommendation that they selected and, where possible, to indicate partners that could be involved and what products and services should be delivered.

The provided ideas are as follows:

1. Sustainable finance/finance sector; significant and coordinated awareness building/education. FAO can play an important leadership role in this.
2. Potential of substitution in the private sector across the value chain; another opportunity for awareness building that FAO could help with.

**Ecosystem Restoration**

Among the proposed recommendations for consideration priority was given to the following:



1. Strengthening ties between forest-based industries companies and smallholders led business enterprises and initiatives in order to develop new business models with increased social and environmental benefits;
2. Developing guidelines on good practices for ecosystem restoration implementation and financing by forest-based industries.

In addition, members were asked to provide ideas as to how FAO could partner with the ACSFI and other representatives from the private sector to progress the recommendation that they selected and, where possible, to indicate partners that could be involved and what products and services should be delivered

The provided ideas were as follows:

- Capacity Building
- Disseminate relevant information
- Share best practices

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Reflection of proposals provided in the Annual Meeting and report to the Steering Committee	Secretariat	November 2021

#### **Agenda Item 15      2022 ACSFI Annual Meeting Location**

**Discussion:**

The incoming Chair, Mr Ross Hampton has extended an invitation for the next ACSFI meeting to take place in Australia. However, due to the current situation related to the pandemic, the option of hosting the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the ACSFI meeting in Rome on a hybrid format, remains open.

The decision on the arrangements for the next ACSFI meeting will be communicated to members by the end of September 2021.

Action items	Responsibility	Deadline
Provide an update to members with the proposed meeting location for the 63 <sup>rd</sup> Annual ACSFI meeting	Secretariat	October 2021



**Agenda Item 16      Any other business**

**Discussion:**

Members were informed that the slides and photos from the meeting would be shared following the meetings.

**Agenda Item 17      End of Day Two**

**Discussion:**

The meeting closed at 14.30 Central European Time.



## ANNEX 1 : Guidance for membership breakout group discussions

### Guiding questions:

Please find below the guiding questions for a 30 minutes discussion (then 15 minutes break); Allow approximately 6 minutes per question. Please prioritize answers to your geographic considerations first. If you have time, consider the supply chain and then observer questions.

If you are an Observer group, please prioritize the Observer questions first.

You will need the information in the papers (Item 4) to assist with this discussion. Please keep notes to send to the Secretariat.

You will have 3 minutes for reporting back to the group.

### ACSFI Member questions: Geographic considerations

- Please consider new member priorities from your geographic region
- Reflecting on the current members and suggestions for other geographic regions, and that the ACSFI can add an additional 8 members in total to the membership, how many new members from your region should be considered? What are your top three priorities?

### ACSFI Member questions: Supply chain diversification

- Are there any other possible members from organizations relevant to the ACSFI representing relevant (including emerging) supply chains?

### Observers

- What inputs do we expect from observers for the ACSFI?
- Reflecting on the observer proposal in the papers, please provide up to 5 suggestions. Are there any other organizations that should be considered as an observer to the ACSFI?



## ANNEX 2 : Guidance for ACSFI partnership breakout group discussions

### Guiding questions:

Please find below the guiding questions for a 30 minutes discussion (then 15 minutes break); allow approximately 7 minutes per question. You will need the information in the papers (Item 14) to assist with this discussion. Kindly address first the priority topic assigned to your group, if you have additional time, please consider the question for the alternative area of interest (i.e. bioeconomy groups to first consider bioeconomy opportunities and vice versa).

You will have 3-5 minutes for reporting back to the group.

### Bioeconomy questions

The recently completed report that the ACSFI commissioned: The role of forest products in the global bioeconomy: possible actions for substitution to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, identified a number of recommendations for international bodies (such as FAO) to respond to. These were:

- **Facilitate comparative studies and global data collection efforts for monitoring the bioeconomy** to assess achievements and address knowledge and implementation gaps to foster the transformation to a sustainable, circular bioeconomy.
- **Facilitate knowledge exchange** to strengthen the capacity of countries and private sectors in the transformation to a sustainable, circular bioeconomy by sharing technical knowledge, good practices and innovations to mitigate climate change, reduce or prevent pollution and address other trade-offs for a bioeconomy benefiting the environment.
- **Promote international partnerships** between academia, industry, finance and public administration to seek how the transformation to a sustainable, circular bioeconomy could be achieved through sustainable and responsible production and consumption patterns, particularly in sectors where large substitution potentials exist.

While these are useful recommendations, FAO cannot respond to them alone and they would benefit from a collaborative approach, potential with the ACSFI and/or individual ACSFI members.

Can you please:

- a. Prioritize the top two recommendations – and justify why you prioritized them in this order. You may also want to add recommendations and/or adapt existing ones.
- b. For your top recommendations, provide 2 ideas as to how FAO could partner with ACSFI members and other representatives from the private sector to progress the recommendation. Where possible indicate partners that could be involved and what products and services should be delivered



### Ecosystem restoration questions

The ACSFI background report “Status, challenges and opportunities of forest-based industry sector commitments for ecosystem restoration” that is currently under preparation has identified a number of tentative recommendations for international bodies (such as FAO) to respond to. These include:

- Reinforcing partnerships **with initiatives such as the WEF/Tropical Forest Alliance (TFA), WWF-New Generation Plantation (NGP) platform and the WBCSD Forest Solutions Group, among others, while helping the mainstreaming of innovative financing solutions for ecosystem restoration;**
- Creation of a new forest-based industries working group **on sustainable finance for ecosystem restoration and restoration-friendly forest products;**
- Supporting integration of good practices **for ecosystem services valuation and valorization, taking stock of the most recent developments on the Economics of Ecosystem Restoration (TEER), the IPBES and the UN System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) in order for forest-based industries to better capture the full value of ecosystem conservation and restoration efforts;**
- Strengthening ties between forest-based industries companies and smallholders **led business enterprises and initiatives in order to develop new business models with increased social and environmental benefits;** and
- Developing guidelines on good practices for ecosystem restoration **implementation and financing by forest-based industries.**

Can you please:

- a. Prioritize the top two recommendations – and justify why you prioritized them in this order. You may also want to add recommendations and/or adapt existing ones.
- b. For your top recommendations, provide 2 ideas as to how FAO could partner with ACSFI members and other representatives from the private sector to progress the recommendation. Where possible indicate partners that could be involved and what products and services should be delivered