

Summary report of the sixth meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

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Participants:

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1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Hosny El-Lakany, Assistant Director-General of FAO and Chairman of the CPF, opened the meeting by welcoming all CPF members and Knut Øistad, Chairman-elect of the UNFF 2, to New York. Mr. El-Lakany highlighted the significance of UNFF 2 and, in particular, the role of the CPF in this meeting, including the policy dialogue between Ministers and heads of the CPF member organizations. He also noted that countries highly appreciated the work undertaken, so far, by the CPF, and that there are high expectations of the CPF for further support to the UNFF. The UNFF Secretariat thanked CPF members for their support and substantive input to the preparations of the UNFF 2, including the drafting of reports of the Secretary-General and other documentation, such as the CPF Framework and the CPF Network concept paper.

2. The overall organization of UNFF 2

The UNFF Secretariat briefed CPF members on the overall organization of the UNFF 2 and highlighted agenda items of particular relevance to CPF members, including the opening session, enhanced policy coordination, CPF Network meeting, and the high-level ministerial segment.

On the high-level ministerial segment, the UNFF Secretariat distributed a background paper on the critical issues for the policy dialogue between Ministers and heads of CPF member organizations. The structure of the policy dialogue was briefly discussed. It was decided that, once there is confirmation on those Ministers who will make introductory

remarks on each of the critical issues, the CPF members, who will respond, would contact the national delegation to exchange ideas for elements to be addressed in the dialogue.

It was also agreed that CPF focal agencies that have provided draft reports of the Secretary-General would briefly introduce the reports, assist the UNFF Secretariat during the session addressing that particular agenda item at UNFF 2, and help with the preparations of the report on that item.

3. Opening statement by CPF

The draft opening statement was discussed and some minor amendments were introduced. The final text is enclosed in annex 2.

4. CPF Framework

The CPF Chairman thanked all CPF members for their input to the CPF Framework and thanked the UNFF Secretariat for coordinating the work. The UNFF Secretariat briefed the CPF about the preparation process and thanked FAO for translating the document into French and Spanish. The CPF members also discussed the narratives that members had provided, as a basis for the Framework. It was agreed that further work on the narratives would be needed to ensure that they adequately reflect the full scope of CPF members' work on the elements. It was decided that all CPF members would review and update the narratives before they would be posted on the CPF website. The deadline for finalizing the narratives was agreed to be June 2002.

The CPF Framework will be presented to the UNFF 2 under agenda item on enhanced policy coordination. Some minor amendments to the draft introduction of the CPF Framework were introduced.

5. CPF Network

The UNFF Secretariat briefed CPF members on the preparation process of the CPF Network Concept Paper. The first draft of the concept paper has been widely distributed for comments and the final revision includes, to the extent possible, comments from a wide range of stakeholders. Invitations to attend the first CPF Network meeting have also been sent out well in advance to a large number of organizations and individuals on the mailing list of the UNFF Secretariat. The meeting is scheduled for the 7 March and CPF members were requested to attend the meeting.

6. CPF membership

The CPF discussed the expansion of the CPF membership to include IUCN and ICRAF. The CPF took note of the important role that both IUCN and ICRAF play in specific areas related to forests and agreed to invite them to join the CPF. A formal invitation will be extended to the two organizations by the Chair on behalf of CPF members.

7. Side events during UNFF 2

The UNFF Secretariat distributed the schedule of the side events during UNFF 2 and highlighted those that were organized by CPF member organizations.

8. Other matters

CPF members discussed the outcome of a recent workshop held in Accra on the 28-30 January 2002 on forest and biological diversity. The workshop focused on enhancing cooperation between CBD and UNFF. Since the CBD Secretariat was not present in the CPF meeting, it was agreed to request the CBD Secretariat to brief the other CPF members on the proposed expanded work programme of the CBD on forest biological diversity, how it is envisaged to relate to the UNFF and the CPF, and preparation for COP 6 of CBD in April 2002.