Strategic framework for forests and climate change

A proposal by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests for a coordinated forest-sector response to climate change
Rationale:

• A need for concerted action
• A strategic response from all 14 CPF members
The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)
Global Environment Facility (GEF) Secretariat
International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat
UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Secretariat
UN Development Programme (UNDP)
UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat
UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat
World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)
World Bank
The Framework supports:

- UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), particularly the Bali Action Plan
- UN Forum on Forests (UNFF)
- Other agreements
Forests & Climate Change

• Forests more than carbon sinks
• 17.4% of GHG emissions from deforestation, forest degradation & other changes or 5.8 Gt CO$_2$ equivalent/year
• Deforestation = 13 million ha/a, net loss 7.3 million ha/a

FAO 2000-2005
The World's Forests
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Message 1

Sustainable forest management provides an effective framework for forest-based climate change mitigation and adaptation
Message 2

Forest-based climate change mitigation and adaptation measures should proceed concurrently.
Message 3

Inter-sectoral collaboration, economic incentives, and the provision of alternative livelihoods are essential for reducing deforestation and forest degradation.
Capacity-building and governance reforms are urgently required
Accurate forest monitoring and assessment helps informed decision-making but requires greater coordination at all levels.
CPF members are committed to a collaborative and comprehensive approach to forest-based climate change mitigation and adaptation.
Thank You!

http://www.fao.org/forestry/cpf-climatechange