

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP ON FORESTS (CPF) WORK PLAN 2021-2024

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The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) envisions that "by 2030 all types of forests and forest landscapes are sustainably managed, their multiple values are fully recognized, the potential of forests and their goods and services is fully unlocked, and the Global Forest Goals, the Sustainable Development Goals, and other global forest-related goals, targets and commitments are achieved.

To support countries to achieve these aims, the CPF will effectively enhance coherence and synergy on forest-related issues and values among its member organizations and help move from deforestation to restoration."¹

This work plan 2021-2024 supports the CPF vision.

The work plan will be revised once the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Quadrennial Programme of Work 2021-2024 is approved. The work plan will be further updated when necessary (e.g., to include new CPF Joint Initiatives or other types of collective activities; to revise guiding frameworks, etc.)

Section I: General provisions

A. Introduction

Components of the work plan

1. This work plan's components are: Section I on General Provisions; Section II on CPF activities; and Section III on follow up, review, and reporting on the progress of the work plan.
2. Section II on CPF activities is divided into two subsections and provides detailed information about (A) the recurrent activities of the CPF (including activities on emerging issues and challenges) and (B) the CPF Joint Initiatives (including those that are in the planning phase). Joint Initiatives are the primary delivery mechanism of the CPF. For both subsections, an overview of the relevance of activities and contributions to the "guiding frameworks" is provided and visualized in a table. Both subsections end with a table showing the planned annual activities, including expected outcomes and results for 2021-2024. The Annex summarizes relevant guidance from governing bodies of CPF member organizations.

¹ <http://www.cpfweb.org/49203-0a134fd638bca1e59881fede4a1e73904.pdf>

Mandate and purpose of the work plan

3. The purpose of this work plan is to present the planned activities of the CPF over the period 2021-2024, facilitate their implementation, and provide information on the intended activities for member States, CPF member organizations' governing bodies, and stakeholders.

4. The member organisations of the CPF developed the work plan based on guidance received from the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)² and other governing bodies. It is aligned with the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF) and the proposed Quadrennial Programme of Work of UNFF for the period 2021-2024. The plan promotes forests' contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, other internationally agreed development goals, and the objectives of relevant global forest-related agreements and processes.

Resource implications

5. The work plan provides an overview of the resource implications of CPF's recurrent activities and its Joint Initiatives. Member States are encouraged to provide voluntary financial contributions in support of these activities.

B. Guiding documents and frameworks

CPF Policy Document (membership, core functions, and delivery mechanisms)

6. The member organisations of the CPF have agreed upon a policy document that sets out the CPF mission, membership, delivery mechanisms, and Rules of Procedure³.

7. The CPF currently consists of fifteen international organizations, institutions, and secretariats with substantial programmes on forests. The current member organizations of the CPF are: Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR); Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Secretariat; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (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); United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Secretariat; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat; World Agroforestry (ICRAF); and World Bank.

8. Members have considerable capacity to deliver on CPF's core functions. By building upon the members' collective knowledge, mechanisms, and comparative advantages, the CPF significantly contributes to enhancing sustainable forest management (SFM) worldwide.

9. Per the core functions of the CPF set out in ECOSOC resolution 2015/33, the CPF policy document includes the following core functions of the CPF:

- a) Support the work of the UNFF and its member countries;
- b) Provide scientific and technical advice, including on emerging issues, to the UNFF and governing bodies of other CPF members, at their request;
- c) Enhance coherence and cooperation, as well as policy and programme and coordination, at all levels among its member organizations, including through joint programming and the submission of coordinated proposals to their respective governing bodies, consistent with their mandates;
- d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.

² In ECOSOC Resolution 2015/35 and 2020/14

³ CPF policy document: <https://www.un.org/esa/forests/collaborative-partnership-on-forests/cpf-policy-document/index.html>

10. The CPF work plan will be implemented through the key delivery mechanisms: CPF Joint Initiatives, CPF Dialogues, and Focal Agencies.

CPF Strategic Vision Towards 2030

11. The member organizations of the CPF endorsed its Strategic Vision towards 2030⁴ (SV 2030) to guide the CPF's work and provide a solid framework for its future activities until 2030.

12. The SV 2030 provides an effective platform for using the aggregated potentials and skills of member organizations of the Partnership and enhancing their respective programmes' mutual support towards this shared vision.

13. To achieve the Strategic Vision, the CPF member organizations agree to advance the following strategic priorities collectively:

- a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests;
- b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making;
- c) Enhance communication and outreach activities;
- d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches;
- e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests;
- f) Identify emerging issues of significant concern to forests.

UNSPF 2017-2030 and its Global Forest Goals

14. The agreement on the first-ever UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF) was forged at a special session of UNFF held in January 2017 and provides an ambitious vision for global forests in 2030. The plan was adopted by the UN Economic and Social Council on 20 April 2017 and was subsequently adopted by the UN General Assembly on 27 April 2017⁵.

15. The UNSPF includes six Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and 26 associated targets by 2030. The GFGs are aimed at contributing to progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UNFI, and other international forest-related instruments, processes, commitments, and goals. The six GFGs are:

- Global Forest Goal 1: Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through SFM, including protection, restoration, afforestation, and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change.
- Global Forest Goal 2: Enhance forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people.
- Global Forest Goal 3: Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests.
- Global Forest Goal 4: Mobilize significantly increased, new, and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of SFM and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships.
- Global Forest Goal 5: Promote governance frameworks to implement SFM, including through the UNFI, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Global Forest Goal 6: Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.

⁴ CPF Strategic Vision towards 2030: <http://www.cpfweb.org/49203-0a134fd638bca1e59881fede4a1e73904.pdf>

⁵ Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its 2017 special session, E/2017/10–E/CN.18/SS/2017/2, ECOSOC Resolution 2017/4, GA Resolution 71/285.

16. The implementation framework for the UNSPF recognizes the critical role of the CPF and its member organizations. It invites the CPF to support UNFF and its members in advancing the GFGs and targets, along with existing forest-related intergovernmental objectives and targets. It also encourages members of UNFF to support the CPF work plan and provide voluntary financial contributions to support the activities of the CPF and its member organizations⁶.

UNFF Quadrennial Programme of Work (4PoW) 2021-2024

17. Per paragraph 1 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2020/14, the UNFF at its sixteenth session will consider adopting the programme of work of the UNFF for the period 2022–2024, considering the proposal contained in Annex II to the resolution.

18. Per Annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 2020/14, thematic priorities of the UNFF for each biennium shall be based on the GFGs and targets, considering the programme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and relevant international forest-related developments.

19. For the biennium 2021-2022, thematic priorities for the sixteenth and the seventeenth sessions of the UNFF are (i) reversing the loss of forest cover (GFG 1); (ii) enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); and (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5 and 6).

20. For the biennium 2023-2024, the UNFF Bureau for this biennium, in close consultation with members of the UNFF, will decide on thematic priorities for the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of UNFF.

Other forest-related goals/targets, instruments, processes, and international developments

21. CPF activities are also aimed at supporting efforts to achieve several other forest-related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments that have direct significance for forests and will continue to influence future work of the CPF. These include:

- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs;
- The Post-2020 global biodiversity framework under the CBD;
- The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets of the UNCCD;
- The Paris Agreement and countries' efforts in enhancing their nationally determined contributions (NDCs), including through forest-related contributions;
- The UN Decades on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030) and Family Farming (2019-2028);
- The Secretary-General Initiative on Turning the Tide on Deforestation as a follow up to the Climate Action Summit held in 2019⁷;
- Emerging issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic;
- New York Declaration on Forests;

⁶ Paragraphs 38-40 of E/RES/2017/4.

⁷ The Secretary-General of the UN called for scaling up action on “Turning the tide on deforestation”, stating that “we must halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and change the way we farm”. At the UNFCCC COP25, a high-level Leadership Dialogue on “Turning the tide on deforestation” was held with Heads of UN organizations, expressing their commitment to this common goal. Halting deforestation is an essential lever in the Decade of Action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. At a meeting of the UN Executive Committee in October 2019 the Secretary-General requested that UNEP and FAO, in collaboration with other relevant entities, form a small working group to follow up on a set of recommendations aimed at scaling up action to halt deforestation by the UN system. An UN-system/CPF action plan to halt deforestation was proposed by FAO and will be drafted as a joint initiative of the CPF in collaboration with the UN SG’s working group on turning the tide on deforestation.

- The Bonn Challenge;
- Green Gigaton Challenge;
- CITES forest-related targets.

Section II: CPF activities

A. Recurrent activities

CPF communication and outreach activities

22. CPF maintains a website⁸ providing detailed information about Joint Initiatives, members, events, documents, and meetings. Through this website, CPF provides information to the public about its work and activities, promotes relevant content from its members, and publishes joint statements. FAO maintains the website.

23. CPF meetings provide an opportunity to exchange on synergies, consider joint activities and coordinate upcoming events.

24. CPF organizes side events, dialogues, sessions, etc., at significant events to communicate within and outside the forest sector.

Operational activities

25. CPF meets regularly for operational planning and policy coordination. CPF members aim to have at least two meetings per year in conjunction with members' significant events, including the UNFF sessions. Areas for planning and coordination include, but are not limited to:

- Organizing meetings and events, such as the Organization-led Initiatives (OLIs) and donor meetings;
- Reviewing and updating of the CPF strategic documents (policy document, Strategic Vision towards 2030, and work plan);
- Stimulating broader participation by existing member organizations in its activities;
- Continuing involving significant groups and other stakeholders in CPF activities;
- Contributing to the midterm review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests in 2024.

Contributions to UNFF documentation and sessions

26. CPF reports annually to UNFF on its activities, taking into account the thematic priorities of the UNFF sessions. CPF and its member organizations also provide their inputs to the relevant UNFF documents to update the status of the preparation and implementation of its work plan and respond to guidance provided by the UNFF.

27. CPF contributes to discussions at the UNFF sessions to support its work and provide scientific and technical advice.

28. CPF may organize side events and stakeholder meetings in conjunction with UNFF sessions.

Activities on emerging issues and challenges

29. CPF may respond to emerging issues and challenges identified by the UNFF or by its members through appropriate collective actions, such as the release of joint statements (e.g., the joint CPF Statement "Towards sustainability: forest solutions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," 2020).

⁸ CPF Website: <http://www.cpfweb.org/en/>

Table 1: An overview of all subsection activities and their relevance and contributions to the "guiding frameworks."

Recurrent activities	CPF Core functions <i>(Policy Document)</i>	Strategic priorities <i>(SV 2030)</i>	Global Forest Goals and UNFF thematic priorities <i>(UNSPF; 4PoW 2021-2024)</i>	SDGs <i>(2030 Agenda)</i>	Other forest-related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments
Communication and outreach activities (including CPF website)	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies)	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; (c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches.	Thematic priorities for 2021-2022: (i) reversions of forest cover (GFG 1); (ii) enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); and (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5 and 6). The UNFF bureau will decide thematic priorities for 2023-2024.	SDG 6 SDG 7 SDG 11 SDG 12 SDG 13 SDG 15 SDG 17	The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs The Post-2020 global biodiversity framework under the CBD The Paris Agreement its nationally determined contributions (NDCs) The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets of the UNCCD The UN Decades on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030) and Family Farming (2019-2028) The Secretary-General Initiative on Turning the Tide on Deforestation Emerging issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic New York Declaration on Forests The Bonn Challenge Green Gigaton Challenge CITES forest-related targets
Operational activities (including CPF meetings)	(d) Promote the implementation of UNFI & UNSPF and contribution to 2030 Agenda and other global agreements	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; (b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making; (c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches; (e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests; (f) Identify emerging issues of significant concerns to forests.			
Contributions to UNFF documentation and sessions	(a) Support the work of UNFF and members	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; (c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches;			
Activities on emerging issues and challenges	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies)	(d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches; (f) Identify emerging issues of significant concerns to forests.			

30. In addition to their financial contributions to JIs noted in Section II-B, it is estimated that CPF member organisations contribute around 558,450-643,450 USD per annum to the cost of recurrent activities of the CPF⁹.

Table 2: Work plan actions and respective aggregated resource implications for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024

Recurrent activities	2021	2022	2023	2024	Annual aggregated budget (USD) ¹⁰
	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	
Communication and outreach activities (including CPF website)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeping the CPF website up to date - Proposing the IDF theme 2022 and 2023 to UNFF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeping the CPF website up to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeping the CPF website up to date - Proposing the IDF theme 2024 and 2025 to UNFF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeping the CPF website up to date 	62,000
Operational activities (including CPF meetings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of the CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Organization of 2 CPF meetings - Participation at other global events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewing and updating of the CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Organization of 2 CPF meetings, including one meeting in conjunction with the UNFF17 - Participation at other global events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewing and updating of the CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Organization of 2 CPF meetings, including one meeting in conjunction with the UNFF18 - Participation at other global events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewing and updating of the CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Reviewing and updating of the CPF strategic documents (Policy Document, Strategic Vision towards 2030, Work Plan) - Preparation of a new work plan (2025-2028) - Organization of 2 CPF meetings, including one meeting in conjunction with the UNFF19 - Participation at other global events 	370,500-420,500
Contributions to UNFF documentation and sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of inputs to the UNFF16 documentation - Update on implementation of CPF work plan 2017-2020 and preparation of CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Contribution to the UNFF16 discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of inputs to the UNFF17 documentation - Update on implementation of CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Contribution to the UNFF17 discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of inputs to the UNFF18 documentation - Update on implementation of CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Contribution to the UNFF18 discussion - Contribution to the midterm review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests in 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of inputs to the UNFF19 documentation - Update on implementation of CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Contribution to the UNFF19 discussion - Contribution to the midterm review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests in 2024 	104,950-139,950
Activities on emerging issues and challenges	Promoting the CPF joint statement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic				21,000

⁹ The lower and higher figures indicate two budget scenarios: one for the period of the COVID-19 pandemic and the other for the post-COVID-19 pandemic period, respectively.

¹⁰ Budgets are indicative estimates of in-kind and cash contributions by CPF members.

B. Current CPF Joint Initiatives and Joint Initiatives in the pipeline

Basic information about each of the current CPF Joint Initiatives:

JI: Communicators' Network

a) Objectives:

- To coordinate among and beyond CPF members to increase the communication impact;
- To advise CPF on its communication and outreach activities and support the development of related products and initiatives;
- To support the implementation of the Communication and Outreach Strategy of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests;¹¹
- To advise on and facilitate CPF's participation in global events;
- To facilitate the selection process for the themes for each International Day of Forests (IDF);
- To provide support for preparing and implementing the IDF;
- To promote international days such as the World Wildlife Day¹² and the World Environment Day as relevant;
- To advise member states on communication and outreach-related issues at their request;
- To increase awareness of the role and contribution of the CPF brand and input to other relevant International Days and events;
- To leverage the outreach platforms of individual members.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks": *e.*

- contributes to all CPF core functions, Strategic Priorities of the SV 2030, GFGs, forest-related SDGs, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and highlights the multi-faceted contributions of forests to global sustainable development.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- Co-led by CIFOR-ICRAF, CITES, FAO, and UNFFS, supported by all CPF members.

d) External partners:

- International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA).

e) Time frame/duration:

- Continuous.

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget: USD 964,000 (241,000 per year)

¹¹ Pursuant to paragraphs 71-75 of E/2017/10–E/CN.18/SS/2017/2

¹² UNGA A/RES/68/205 on World Wildlife Day

Jl: Wangari Maathai Award

- a) Objectives:
 - To recognize an individual's outstanding contribution towards the preservation, restoration, and sustainable management of forests and to communicating the critical role forests play in rural livelihoods and the environment across generations.
- b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":
 - Contributes to all CPF core functions, Strategic Priorities of the SV 2030, GFGs (GFG 6, target 6.5), and forest-related SDGs.
- c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:
 - Led by FAO. All CPF members support the Jl. FAO and the host agency for the Award ceremony are on an informal Steering Committee.
- d) External partners:
 - None.
- e) Time frame/duration:
 - Continuous. It is awarded on a biennial basis, linked with major global events of CPF members.
- f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget: USD 100,000 (USD 50,000 per award)

JI: Forest Finance Facilitation

a) Objectives:

To support the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network¹³ to mobilize financing for the sustainable management of all types of forests and in particular to:

- Assist countries to design national forest financing strategies;
- Assist countries to mobilize financial resources from all relevant sources for sustainable forest management, including as sources of financing or as accredited entities to multilateral financing mechanisms;
- Support the Clearing House of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network by sharing existing data and information on financing from all sources for the sustainable management of all types of forests, and on:
 - funding opportunities;
 - learning materials for accessing resources;
 - lessons learned and best practices;
 - data sources on financial flows to forestry.
- To provide expert advice on phase II of the Clearing House, and in particular, its database on financing flows to forestry;
- To establish a network of relevant focal points among CPF members to collaborate in mobilizing and accessing funding from multilateral financial institutions, including the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund;
- To conduct joint activities to update data and information on forest financing in the categories mentioned above;
- To contribute to the achievement of the global forest-related goals, targets, mandates, and priorities in the Forum's quadrennial programmes of work.

b) Relevance and contributions to guiding frameworks":

- Contributes to all GFGs, forest-related SDGs, and Aichi Biodiversity Targets and particularly relevant to GFG 4, SDG target 15.b, ABT 7 and 20 Addis Ababa Action Agenda paragraph 63.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- Lead agency: UNFF; Other CPF partners: FAO, GEF Secretariat, ITTO, UNEP, UNDP, World Bank, IUCN, UNCCD Secretariat, CBD Secretariat, UNFCCC Secretariat, CIFOR-ICRAF, IUFRO, CITES Secretariat

d) External partners:

- Green Climate Fund, African Development Bank, OECD

e) Time frame/duration:

- 2021-2024

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total projected budget: USD 344,000 for 2021; USD 255,000 per annum from 2022 to 2024.

¹³ Pursuant to paragraphs 14(a) and 17(b)(ii) of ECOSOC Resolution 2015/33

JI: Forest Landscape Restoration

a) Objectives:

To enhance synergies in the global FLR process and help countries and stakeholders scale up and strengthen implementation of FLR at national and sub-national levels.

The key components are:

- Mainstream FLR into national, regional, and international policy frameworks;
- Create a coherent in-country enabling environment for FLR;
- Increase effectiveness and efficiency of resource mobilization for FLR;
- Identify and seize opportunities to create synergies among CPF member FLR programmes, including forming partnerships and developing technical capacities on FLR-related science, technology, and innovation.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

- Contributes to GFG 1, 5, and 6 and SDG15
- CPF core functions supported: a), c) and d)
- Strategic priorities for the SV 2030 supported by this JI includes: a), b), d)
- UNFF thematic priorities 2021 – 2022 (i), (ii)

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- *Lead agencies:* IUCN; *CPF partners:* CIFOR-ICRAF, GEF, FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNFF, ITTO, IUFRO, IUCN, CBD, World Bank, UNCCD

d) External partners:

- National partners in selected geographies. Other non-CPF GPFLR partners.

e) Time frame/duration:

- 2018-2021

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget: USD 1,631,850 (including USD 625,000 from GEF plus confirmed co-finance)

JI: Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP)

a) Objectives:

To support UNFF and other forest-related intergovernmental processes by assessing available scientific information in a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, objective, open and transparent way and produce reports on forest-related issues of great concern, including emerging issues.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

- CPF core functions: GFEP supports the work of UNFF and its members; provides scientific and technical advice, including on emerging issues, to the UNFF and governing bodies of other CPF members, at their request; and enhances coherence, cooperation, and coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies) in communication and outreach activities, as well as in activities on emerging issues and challenges;
- Strategic Priorities of the SV 2030: GFEP supports the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; promotes the science-policy interface and science-based decision making; enhances communication and outreach activities; enhances cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches; contributes to unlocking the full potential and values of forests; identifies emerging issues of significant concerns to forests;
- GFGs and the UNFF thematic priorities for 2021-2024: GFEP is relevant to GFG 4 (target 4.5) and GFG 6 (target 6.2);
- SDGs and other related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments: The GFEP initiative contributes to SDG 17 to targets 17.6, 17.14, and 17.16;
- Additionally, GFEP's thematic panels address specific SDGs and their implementation (including SDGs 1, 2, 6, 13, 15). GFEP assessments are also relevant for implementing the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, targets 1, 7, 15, and 19.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- The lead agency is the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), and all CPF members participate in this JI as appropriate. CIFOR, CITES, CBD Secretariat, FAO, ICRAF, and UNFFS are currently on the Steering Committee, which IUFRO chairs.

d) External partners:

- Government agencies act as GFEP donors;
- Research / educational organizations (universities, research institutes, etc.) employ authors and reviewers of GFEP assessment reports;
- Research / educational organizations (universities, research institutes, etc.) support the global assessments (organisation of meetings) and disseminate results.

e) Time frame/duration:

- Continuous

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget:	USD 497,000 per annum
Available resources (<i>pending formal confirmation</i>):	USD 497,000 per annum

JI: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes (GF4SL)

a) Objectives

- The GF4SL aims to provide enabling conditions for commitments toward deforestation-free, sustainable commodity production and other forms of sustainable land use. The project's overall objective is to boost bank and investor interest to increase capital flows towards restoration and deforestation-free agriculture;
 - Outcome 1: Increase financial institutions' (and other relevant public and private stakeholders) commitments to finance deforestation-free and sustainable commodities production through 1. A Framework Agreement including Key Performance Indicators; and 2. Guidance on options for implementation of the Framework Agreement;
 - Outcome 2: Develop a standardized framework for the measurement and monitoring of environmental and social impacts related to agroforestry loans/investments;
 - Outcome 3: Enhance community-based forestry and agribusiness producer groups and enterprises' capacity to better access business knowledge products and private investment for socially and environmentally sustainable projects.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

- Contributes to CBD Aichi Biodiversity target 3 and 4, SDG 13 (climate change; 'mobilized climate finance to achieve Paris Climate Objectives') and SDG 17 ('partnership for SDG goals'), Objectives under the NY Declaration of Forests to 'end tropical deforestation by 2030 altogether and half it by 2020'.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- UNEP, CIFOR, GEF

d) External partners:

- All interested CPF members are invited to join the project Advisory Board
- The project aims at a minimum of 15 financial institutions signing the Framework Agreement
- Other public and private stakeholders (e.g., governments, businesses, trading companies) will also be approached to sign the Framework Agreement

e) Time frame/duration:

- Three years (2021-2023)

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget: USD 6,747,970 (including USD 909,883 from GEF plus confirmed co-finance)

JI: Streamlining Global Forest-related Reporting

a) Objectives:

- To harmonize global reporting on forest resources, their management, and uses for various processes and conventions;
- To improve the coverage, quality, and transparency of forest-related data and information;
- To improve monitoring of and reporting on progress towards Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda 2030, Global Forest Goals of the UNFF's Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, Paris Agreement and Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- To reduce the forest-related reporting burden on countries.

The following steps towards these objectives are:

- Develop an improved methodology for reporting on primary forests in collaboration with FAO members and other partners;
- Review and revise the scope, terms, and definitions for the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025 in collaboration with CPF members, international experts, and other partners;
- Further improve the Global Forest Resources Assessment data entry, review, analysis, and reporting platform to:
 - increase consistency, transparency, comparability, and compatibility of collected data;
 - improve the reported metadata;
 - offer the possibility to store and share more detailed data and metadata, including geospatial layers;
 - improve access to ready-to-use data for territories, countries, FAO sub-regions and regions, CFRQ, and used-specified custom country groupings.
- Further participatory development of the Tier 3 indicators of the Global Core Set of forest-related Indicators and making the set available for as many global and regional forest-related reporting processes and mechanisms as possible;
- Analysis of the uptake of the Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators by other reporting processes and the extent to which they decrease reporting burden on countries;

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

- Contributes to all GFGs, directly and indirectly, forest-related SDGs, NDCs and Paris Agreement and Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- Lead: FAO, UNFFS
- Other: CBD, CIFOR, GEF¹⁴, IUCN, IUFRO, ITTO, UNDP, UNEP, UNFCCC (confirmations pending), CITES Secretariat

d) External partners:

- JRC, WWF, WCS, COMIFAC, Montreal Process, UNECE, FOREST EUROPE

e) Time frame/duration:

- 2021-2024

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total budget: USD 668,000, estimated gap USD 50,000

¹⁴ Through CBIT Forest

JI: Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW)

a) Objectives:

This initiative's principal goal is to strengthen sustainable wood value chains to enhance their social, economic, and environmental benefits from production to consumption. By setting up collaborative activities with a broad range of stakeholders along the value chains, the initiative advances the responsible production and consumption of legal and sustainable wood. The initiative also increases the socioeconomic benefits from forests, coherence with forest, and biodiversity protection, and increases the supply of low carbon products for a climate-resilient planet.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

The SW4SW provides direct contributions to the UNSPF by advancing global and local collaboration and partnerships.

The SW4SW supports GFG 2 and GFG 5. It seeks to support forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits, including improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people. The initiative promotes policies for sustainable wood production and promotes actions to curb illegal production and trade. The initiative works with national and international bodies to consider the sustainable use of forests and wood products in their national sustainable development plans and poverty reduction strategies.

It also contributes to GFGs 4, primarily through catalysing forest-related financing from all sources (4.2) and supporting countries to develop a value chain approach to their forest finance strategies (4.3).

The SW4SW supports GFG 6, building on the capacities and comparative advantages of five CPF organisations and one international NGO while establishing cross-sectoral partnerships with various stakeholders.

The initiative contributes directly to SDGs 1, 8, 12, 13, and 15, with actions that result in income generation and decent employment, more inclusive value chains, innovation and resource efficiency in the wood industry, low carbon products, and increased opportunities for forest restoration, a tree growing, and sustainable forest management.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- FAO (lead), ITTO (co-lead), CIFOR, CITES, and the World Bank.

d) External partners:

- WWF International

e) Time frame/duration:

- 4 years

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total target budget: USD 30 million

An estimated gap of USD 25.5 million

Includes a plan to scale up activities, with direct support to countries (estimated ten countries), knowledge management, technical exchange, and awareness campaign. The initiative does not count on specific contributions, relying on a regular budget of participating organisations and synergies with other projects. Initial estimations point to a budget gap of at least USD 25.5 million.

Basic information about planned Joint Initiatives

JI: Forest Education

a) Objectives:

- Raise awareness globally of the necessity for educational and training programmes that ensure forest workers, technicians, and professionals are fit for the workplace;
- Stimulate young people's appreciation for and knowledge of forests and forest-related careers;
- Catalyse action at all levels, from sub-national to global, to strengthen forest education and training programmes, and knowledge systems;
- Enhance global platforms that facilitate information sharing and networking on forest education, training, and knowledge;
- Develop and make available tools and materials to enhance forest education, training, and knowledge.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

Quality forest education and training programmes for forest policymakers, practitioners, workers, and other stakeholders are to achieve goals in all the above-mentioned global frameworks, priorities, goals, and processes (e.g., SDG 4, Global Forest Goal 4 and its Target 4.5, etc.).

Achieving sustainable forest management is impossible in the absence of trained forest professionals and workers worldwide capable and motivated to apply best practices in forest knowledge.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- FAO, ITTO, IUFRO, CIFOR-ICRAF, the UNFF and UNFCCC, and potentially other CPF members (to be determined).

d) External partners:

- Potential external partners include the African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE), the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), RECOFTC, the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA), and the University of British Columbia (UBC); with other potential partners to be determined.

e) Time frame/duration:

- Mid-2021-end 2024 (3.5 years)

f) Resource implications - indicative (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Estimated total project budget: USD 7.2 million (includes approximately USD 1 million in matching funds across all project partners)

Total estimated budget gap: USD 6.25 million (full amount to be raised)

JI: Pathways for Designing a Mechanism to Incentivize Deforestation Free Landscapes and Value Chains for Green Growth

a) Objectives:

The study will identify fiscal measures that incentivize the forest/wood sector in the medium to long term.

Such fiscal measures would include examining 'legal' taxes (e.g., wherein theory is 'legal' but comes from deforestation), 'sustainable' timber taxes, royalties, tax benefits/returns to be applied to committed stakeholders.

The focus is to combine these elements into an incentive system that encourages increased investment in the forest and wood processing sector. Committed stakeholders are assured of fiscal support to see them through the heavy overheads and production costs of implementing sustainable value and supply chains.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks": *e.g., to CPF core functions, Strategic Priorities of the SV 2030, GFGs and the UNFF thematic priorities for 2021-2024, SDGs and other forest-related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments:*

This initiative will support and complement CPF core functions and the relevant UNFF thematic priorities 2021-24 by providing technical guidance on forest/wood sector financing and contributing constructively to several elements within the CPF SV 2030. This initiative potentially impacts all GFGs and forest-related SDGs.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners: World Bank, ITTO, CIFOR-ICRAF as partners

d) External partners: TBD

e) Time frame/duration: Time frame to be determined based on available funding

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget for 2021: USD 75,000

Table 3: An overview table visualizing all activities in this subsection and their relevance and contributions to the "guiding frameworks."

CPF Joint Initiatives	CPF Core functions <i>(Policy Document)</i>	Strategic priorities <i>(SV 2030)</i>	Global Forest Goals and UNFF thematic priorities <i>(UNSPF; 4PoW 2021-2024)</i>	SDGs <i>(2030 Agenda)</i>	Other forest-related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments
Jl: Communicators' Network	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.	(c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests; (f) Identify emerging issues of significant concerns to forests.	Global Forest Goal 6: Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence, and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.	SDG 15 SDG 17	The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030
Jl: Wangari Maathai Award (in 2021 and 2023)	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.	(c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests;	Global Forest Goal 6: Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence, and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.	SDG 15	
Jl: Forest Finance Facilitation	(a) Support the work of the UNFF and its member countries; (c) Enhance coherence and cooperation, as well as policy and programme and coordination, at all levels among its member organizations, including through joint programming and the submission of coordinated proposals to their respective governing bodies, consistent with their mandates; (d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests;	Thematic priorities for 2021-2022: (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5, and 6) The UNFF bureau will decide thematic priorities for 2023-2024.	SDG15 SDG17	The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030; The Paris Agreement its nationally determined contributions (NDCs) The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets of the UNCCD The Post-2020 global biodiversity framework under the CBD
Jl: Forest Landscape Restoration	(a) Support the work of UNFF and its member countries; (c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies)		GFG 1, 5 and 6 UNFF thematic priorities 2021 – 2022 GFG 1, GFG 2	SDG 15	The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030
Jl: Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP)	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies) (a) Support the work of UNFF and members	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests (b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making	GFG 4 (target 4.5) GFG 6 (target 6.2)	SDG 17 primarily targets 17.6, 17.14, and 17.16.	The Post-2020 global biodiversity framework under the CBD

	(b) Provide scientific and technical advice, including on emerging issues, to the UNFF and governing bodies of other CPF members, at their request;	(c) Enhance communication and outreach activities (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches (e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests (f) Identify emerging issues of significant concerns to forests.		GFEP's thematic panels address specific SDGs (including: SDG 1, 2, 6, 13, and 15)	
Jl: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes (GF4SL)	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies) (d) Promote the implementation of UNFI & UNSPF and contribution to 2030 Agenda and other global agreements	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; (b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making; (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches; (e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests;	Reversions of forest cover (GFG 1); Enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); Mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation (GFG 4); and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFG 6).	SDG 13 SDG 15 SDG 17	The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030
Jl: Streamlining Global Forest-related Reporting	(a) Support the work of UNFF and members (b) Provide scientific and technical advice, including on emerging issues, to the UNFF and governing bodies of other CPF members, at their request; (c) Enhance coherence and cooperation, as well as policy and programme and coordination, at all levels among its member organizations, including through joint programming and the submission of coordinated proposals to their respective governing bodies, consistent with their mandates;	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; (b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making; (c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches;	All Global Forest Goals	SDG 15 SDG 13 SDG 12 SDG 6 SDG 3 SDG 2 SDG 1	The Paris Agreement its nationally determined contributions (NDCs) The Post-2020 global biodiversity framework under the CBD The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030
Jl: Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW)	(c) Enhance coherence and cooperation, as well as policy and programme and coordination, at all levels among its member organizations, including through joint programming and the submission of coordinated proposals to their respective governing bodies, consistent with their mandates; (d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; (b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making; (c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches;	GFG 2, 4, 5 and 6	SDG 1 SDG 8 SDG 12 SDG 13 SDG 15	

Table 4: Work plan actions and respective aggregated resource implications for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024

CPF Joint Initiatives	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total project budget (USD) ¹⁵
	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	
Jl: Communicators' Network	<p>Celebration of IDF21, communicating the theme, development of outreach products</p> <p>Selection of an IDF theme 2022 and 2023</p> <p>Review, update and translate website</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA</p> <p>Support outreach for the WFC XV</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COPs, UN Food Systems Summit, etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD</p>	<p>Celebration of IDF22, communicating the theme, development of outreach products</p> <p>Review, update and translate website</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA</p> <p>Support outreach for the WFC XV</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COPs etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD</p>	<p>Celebration of IDF23, communicating the theme, development of outreach products</p> <p>Selection of the IDF theme 2024 and 2025</p> <p>Review, update and translate website</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COPs etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD</p>	<p>Celebration of IDF24, communicating the theme, development of outreach products</p> <p>Review, update and translate website</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COPs etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD</p>	USD 964,000 (USD 241,000 per annum)
Jl: Wangari Maathai Award (in 2021 and 2023)	<p>Communicating the award</p> <p>Establish jury</p> <p>Update the website</p>	<p>The award ceremony for the 2021 postponed award</p> <p>Prize, travel, and logistics for the winner</p> <p>Announcement of the 2023 award</p>	<p>Selection of a jury for the 2023 WMA</p> <p>Prize, travel, logistics for the winner</p> <p>Award ceremony</p>	Announcement of the 2025 award	USD 100,000 (USD 50,000 per award)
Jl: Forest Finance Facilitation	<p>A1. Regular data/information sharing by CPF member for the established CH databases;</p> <p>A2. Identify data sources for Phase II of the CH, namely its database on financing flows to forestry</p> <p>A3. Establish a Network of Accredited entities' focal points;</p>	<p>A1. Regular data/information sharing by CPF member for the established CH databases;</p> <p>A2. The GFFFN and accredited entities jointly support developing countries in accessing financing for forests.</p>	<p>A1. Regular data/information sharing by CPF member for the established CH databases;</p> <p>A2. The GFFFN and accredited entities jointly support developing countries in accessing financing for forests.</p>	<p>A1. Regular data/information sharing by CPF member for the established CH databases;</p> <p>A2. The GFFFN and accredited entities jointly support developing countries in accessing financing for forests.</p>	<p>A1. USD 15,000 per annum</p> <p>A2. USD 89,000 (for the year 2021 only)</p> <p>A3. USD 240,000 per annum</p> <p>Total:</p> <p>USD 344,000 for 2021;</p> <p>USD 255,000 per</p>

¹⁵ Budgets are indicative estimates of in-kind and cash contributions

					annum from 2022 to 2024
Jl: Forest Landscape Restoration	<p>Development of "bankable" FLR proposals in Thailand and Guinea Bissau, with UNFF and IUCN.</p> <p>An IUCN report, "Tackling global challenges by integrating Protected areas and Forest Landscape Restoration approaches," identifying opportunities and recommendations for integrating protected areas and FLR initiative to achieve greater environmental and social outcomes.</p> <p>An FAO report on CPF-member forest landscape restoration programmes in 10 countries in Africa, identifying opportunities and providing recommendations for the capture of synergies.</p> <p>An ICRAF-led workshop on capturing synergies from CPF member FLR initiatives in Kenya. Pilot activities on assessing restoration initiatives in Kenya and opportunities for enhanced collaborative support.</p> <p>An IUFRO- and ITTO-led workshop on innovative approaches and tools for FLR.</p> <p>A tool for assessing enabling conditions for private investment in FLR, developed by UNEP.</p> <p>Awareness-raising materials on the broader role of FLR and forests in addressing global challenges from UNDP.</p> <p>Several high-level events and workshops are promoting FLR for various constituencies, supported by CIFOR.</p> <p>A comprehensive synthesis report on experiences and findings under this JI</p>	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	USD 1,631,850

	and recommendations for moving forward on FLR from IUCN.				
Jl: Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selection of new topic for global assessment Composition of a new Global Forest Expert Panel on a selected topic - Development of global assessment report on that topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalisation and launch of the global assessment report - Communication and outreach of report results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection of new topic for global assessment - Composition of a new Global Forest Expert Panel selected topic - Development of global assessment report on that topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalisation and launch of the global assessment report - Communication and outreach of report results 	USD 1,988,000 (USD 497,000 per annum)
Jl: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes (GF4SL)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment of a Forest, Food, and Finance Alliance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Framework agreement (including KPIs) - Outreach and marketing - Launch - Report on options for implementation of commitments 2. Development and launch of a learning hub for communities and small businesses, to include tools, datasets, case studies, business models 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lessons learned from blended finance models developed and disseminated through a minimum of min 2 info briefs focusing on <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) impact framing/measuring/monitoring (b) how barriers have been addressed (c) conditions to enable financing 2. 5 FIs or PP initiatives work with the project on a standardized impact framework 3. Knowledge products are available on the learning hub, min 100 producer orgs and 100 women are trained 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Min 15 financial institutions and other stakeholders sign Framework Agreement 2. Three additional info briefs are produced on impact framing and on addressing barriers 3. Min 5 financial institutions adopt a standardized framework to measure and monitor impacts of sustainable LU financing 4. Min additional 200 producer orgs and 200 women are trained 		USD 6,747,970 ¹⁶
Jl: Streamlining Global Forest-related Reporting	<p>Development of an improved methodology for reporting on primary forests in collaboration with FAO members and other partners</p> <p>Further participatory development of the Tier 3 indicators of the Global Core Set of forest-related indicators and making the set available for as many global and regional forest-related reporting processes and mechanisms as possible;</p>	<p>Analysis of the uptake of the Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators by other reporting processes and the extent to which they decrease reporting burden on countries</p> <p>Further improvements of the Global Forest Resources Assessment data entry, review, analysis, and reporting platform</p> <p>Further participatory development of the Tier 3 indicators of the Global Core Set of forest-related indicators and</p>	<p>Further improvements of the Global Forest Resources Assessment data entry, review, analysis, and reporting platform</p> <p>Further participatory development of the Tier 3 indicators of the Global Core Set of forest-related indicators and making the set available for as many global and regional forest-related reporting processes and mechanisms as possible</p>	<p>Further improvements of the Global Forest Resources Assessment data entry, review, analysis, and reporting platform</p>	USD 718,000

¹⁶ This includes funding from the GEF as well as cash and in-kind contributions for this JI from UNEP and CIFOR.

	<p>Further improvements of the Global Forest Resources Assessment data entry, review, analysis, and reporting platform</p> <p>Review and revision of FRA scope, terms, and definitions of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025.</p>	<p>making the set available for as many global and regional forest-related reporting processes and mechanisms as possible</p>			
<p>JI: Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW)</p>	<p>Launch of the global media campaign for sustainable wood at the WFC.</p> <p>Initial support to 2 countries in Africa</p> <p>Regional; Sub-regional National SW4SW Dialogues and technical cooperation</p> <p>Investment Forum</p> <p>Website (improvement)</p>	<p>Improvement of the website</p> <p>Inputs to COFO 26/SOFO 2022</p> <p>Support to 2-4 countries.</p> <p>South-South cooperation</p> <p>Regional; Sub-regional National SW4SW Dialogues and technical cooperation</p> <p>Investment Forum</p> <p>Website (improvement)</p>	<p>Support to 2-4 countries</p> <p>Regional; Sub-regional National SW4SW Dialogues and technical cooperation</p> <p>Investment Forum</p> <p>Good practices</p>	<p>Support to 2-4 countries</p> <p>Regional; Sub-regional National SW4SW Dialogues and technical cooperation</p> <p>Investment Forum</p> <p>Good practices</p>	<p>USD 30 million</p>

Section III: Follow-up, review, and reporting on the progress of the work plan

31. The CPF will follow up and take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the work plan annually, via documentation prepared for the annual UNFF sessions and through the CPF Chair's statement during the session.
32. The CPF will review the existing work plan and update it when necessary (e.g., including new CPF Joint Initiatives or other types of collective activities).
33. As part of the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests, the UNFF will review the effectiveness of the CPF in achieving its objectives in 2024.

ANNEX: Guidance from governing bodies of CPF member organizations

This Annex provides a summary of the guidance from governing bodies that the CPF considered developing this work plan.

FAO Committee on Forestry (guidance from the 25th session)

- Invited the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and forest-related international bodies and processes to consider using the Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators within their respective mandates and reporting processes, as appropriate.¹⁷

Requested FAO¹⁸

- in cooperation with CPF members and other restoration initiatives, prepare an information note for the 26th session of COFO that analyzes if and how reporting on restoration-related indicators to future FRAs can streamline reporting for countries between multiple restoration initiatives;
- implement the recommendations of the Expert Workshop hosted by FAO on the "Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators" with regard to further work on Tier 2 and Tier 3 indicators and steps needed to utilize the full potential of the Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators at all levels, in collaboration with CPF members and other relevant international organizations and processes;
- analyze, in collaboration with CPF members, the uptake of the Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators by other reporting processes and the extent to which they decrease reporting burden on countries;
- together with other organizations of the CPF, build on outcomes of a joint initiative of the CPF "Working Across Sectors to Halt Deforestation and Increase Forest Area: From Aspiration to Action";
- continue and strengthen its leadership role in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and steer the work on developing the CPF work programme in line with the UNFF quadrennial Programme of Work 2021-2024 and present it for information to the 16th session of UNFF; and
- continue to support review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests in accordance with its mandate.

UNFF

- *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to continue to develop the UNFF's concise flagship publication on progress towards achieving the GFGs and targets, in close consultation with and taking into account the advice of the informal advisory group, as well as in consultation with members of the CPF, and to launch the publication at the sixteenth session of the UNFF and at the World Forestry Congress, to be held in May 2021, and invites the UNFF at its sixteenth session to provide guidance on the next steps.¹⁹
- *Invites* the CPF to advance further its work on the global core set of forest-related indicators and to report to the UNFF at its sixteenth session on the progress achieved in that regard.²⁰

¹⁷ Paragraph 12 of COFO/2020/REP

¹⁸ Paragraph 13, 22, 33 of COFO/2020/REP

¹⁹ Paragraph 6 of E/2020/42

²⁰ Paragraph 9 of E/2020/42

- *Notes* the progress achieved in developing the GFFFN clearing house, consistent with the guidelines for the operation of the GFFFN, and requests the UNFF secretariat to continue to work closely with member organizations of the CPF and other data providers in designing the initial phase of the clearinghouse, with a view to avoiding duplication and increasing synergies and efficiencies, and to report to the UNFF at its sixteenth session on the progress achieved in that regard, including on the possible budget implications.²¹
- *Invites* the CPF to strengthen its joint initiative on forest finance facilitation, particularly in support of the clearinghouse in the context of the work plans of the CPF.²²
- *Also requests* the UNFF Secretariat, in consultation with other members of the CPF, and with input from members of the UNFF, to compile an initial assessment of the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on sustainable forest management, the forest sector, forest-dependent people, indigenous peoples and local communities, forest financing and international cooperation, and to present the assessment to the UNFF at its sixteenth session.²³
- *Welcomes* the adoption by the CPF of its strategic vision towards 2030 and invites the CPF to develop its work plan for the period 2021–2024 in line with the quadrennial programme of work of the UNFF for the period 2021–2024 and to report to the UNFF at its annual sessions on the progress achieved in implementing the work plan.²⁴
- *Invites* members of the UNFF and the governing bodies of member organizations of the CPF to support the work plan of the CPF, in particular its joint initiatives, as appropriate, consistent with their respective mandates, objectives, and work programmes.²⁵
- *Emphasizes* the value of making effective use of the information provided by members through their voluntary national reporting, and to that end, requests the UNFF secretariat to prepare, on the basis of the initial round of reporting and in consultation with members of the UNFF, member organizations of the CPF and relevant stakeholders, a concise "flagship" publication on progress towards achieving the GFGs and targets for release by the end of 2021, using existing resources, suitable for a range of audiences within and outside the forest sector, and also requests the Secretariat to report on planning in that regard to the UNFF at its fifteenth session;²⁶
- *Requests* the UNFF Secretariat, in consultation with interested members of the UNFF and members of the CPF, to initiate the development of the GFFFN's online clearinghouse mechanism referred to in the guidelines, bearing in mind the benefits of a stepwise approach, and to undertake the following additional measures to improve the GFFFN's effectiveness and efficiency and build capacity in financing sustainable forest management.²⁷
- *Further welcomes* the Secretariat of the CITES as a member of the CPF;²⁸

²¹ Paragraph 11 of E/2020/42

²² Paragraph 12 of E/2020/42

²³ Paragraph 14 of E/2020/42

²⁴ Paragraph 15 of E/2020/42

²⁵ Paragraph 16 of E/2020/42

²⁶ Paragraph 11 of E/2018/42

²⁷ Paragraph 17 of E/2018/42

²⁸ Paragraph 22 of E/2018/42

- *Also welcomes* the new policy document developed by the CPF to strengthen its operations and enhance the effectiveness of its work.²⁹
- *Also invites* the CPF to consider expanding its membership to include intergovernmental partners at the international level that have expressed interest in joining the CPF.³⁰
- The work of the UNFF is supported by its Secretariat, the Trust Fund for the UNFF, and the CPF. The CPF is a voluntary partnership chaired by FAO and comprising 14 international organizations with significant programmes on forests. The functions of the UNFF, its Secretariat, and the CPF are contained in ECOSOC resolution 2015/33 of 22 July 2015.³¹
- The GFGs and targets are intended to stimulate and provide a framework for voluntary actions, contributions, and enhanced cooperation by countries and international, regional, subregional, and non-governmental partners and stakeholders. They also provide a reference for enhanced coherence and collaboration on forests within the UN system and among member organizations of the CPF, as well as among other forest-related organizations and processes.³²
- Global Forest Goal 6
Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence, and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN system and across member organizations of the CPF, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

6.2 Forest-related programmes across member organizations of the CPF are coherent and complementary and together encompass the multiple contributions of forests and the forest sector to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.³³

- The UNFF is the responsible intergovernmental body for follow-up and review of the implementation of the UNSPF, including through providing guidance to the CPF and ensuring the smooth interplay between its odd- and even-year sessions.³⁴
- Member organizations of the CPF play an important role in implementing the UNSPF and are encouraged to integrate relevant GFGs and targets into their forest-related plans and programmes, where appropriate and consistent with their respective mandates.³⁵
- The CPF is invited to support the UNFF and its members in advancing the GFGs and targets, including through cooperation and partnership among its members, implementing a joint work plan with the CPF which is aligned with the UNFF's quadrennial programmes of work; and by identifying collective actions by all or subsets of the CPF's members, as well as associated resource needs.³⁶
- Members of the UNFF are encouraged to support the CPF workplan as an essential strategy for improving cooperation, synergies, and coherence among member organizations of the

²⁹ Paragraph 12 of E/2017/42

³⁰ Paragraph 15 of E/2017/42

³¹ Paragraph 20 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

³² Paragraph 26 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

³³ Paragraph 27 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

³⁴ Paragraph 35 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

³⁵ Paragraph 38 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

³⁶ Paragraph 39 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

CPF. Members of the UNFF are also encouraged to provide voluntary financial contributions to support the activities of the CPF and its member organizations.³⁷

- Effective attainment of the GFGs and targets also requires the mobilization of the best available scientific and traditional forest-related knowledge. The scientific community, in cooperation with the Forum and its members, is encouraged to support the implementation of the strategic plan, through scientific inputs presented to the UNFF. In doing so, the UNFF is invited to build upon existing joint initiatives of the CPF and further strengthen these initiatives.³⁸
- The GFFFN of the UNFF, in close cooperation with members of the CPF, contributes to the scaling-up of sustainable forest management by facilitating access by countries to resources to implement the UNSPF and to achieve its GFGs and targets. To this end, the priorities for the GFFFN are:
 - (a) To promote and assist members in designing national forest financing strategies to mobilize resources for sustainable forest management, including existing national initiatives, within the framework of national forest programmes or other appropriate national frameworks;
 - (b) To assist countries in mobilizing, accessing, and enhancing the effective use of existing financial resources from all sources for sustainable forest management, taking into account national policies and strategies;
 - (c) To serve as a clearinghouse and database on existing, new, and emerging financing opportunities and as a tool for sharing lessons learned and best practices from successful projects, building on the CPF online sourcebook for forest financing;
 - (d) To contribute to the achievement of the GFGs and targets, as well as priorities contained in the quadrennial programmes of work.³⁹
- The assessment should take into account voluntary national reporting on the implementation of the UNSPF, the UNFI, voluntary national contributions, and the results of the most recent Global Forest Resources Assessment of FAO, as well as inputs from the CPF and its member organizations and other partners within and outside the UN system, including regional and subregional organizations and relevant stakeholders.⁴⁰
- The UNFF, as a functional commission of the ECOSOC, should contribute to the follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs, including through the work of the CPF on global forest indicators, as well as highlight the contribution of forests to the SDGs, to be reviewed in-depth at the annual sessions of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.⁴¹
- The UN system, the CPF, and its member organizations and other partners are encouraged to enhance cooperation and synergies on forest-related communication and outreach to increase the impact of their messaging and to consider joint events and products with national, regional, subregional, and non-governmental organizations and processes.⁴²

³⁷ Paragraph 40 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

³⁸ Paragraph 61 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

³⁹ Paragraph 62 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁴⁰ Paragraph 68 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁴¹ Paragraph 70 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁴² Paragraph 74 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

- *Notes* the ongoing efforts of the CPF and its members and other relevant entities and processes to work jointly to further streamline and harmonize reporting, reduce reporting burdens and synchronize data collection, taking into account the collaborative forest resources questionnaire developed as part of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015, in order to foster synergy and coherence.⁴³
- *Decides* that the Forum secretariat should manage the GFFFN and implement its activities in collaboration with relevant members of the CPF.⁴⁴
- *Encourages* the CPF and its member organizations: (a) to strengthen the Partnership by formalizing its working modalities, including through consideration of a multilateral memorandum of understanding, and by developing procedures for its effective functioning and operation; (b) to identify ways to stimulate broader participation by existing member organizations in its various activities; (c) to assess its membership and the potential added value of additional members with significant forest-related expertise; (d) to identify ways to actively involve major groups and other stakeholders in activities of the Partnership; (e) to develop a work plan, aligned with the UNSPF, to identify priorities for collective actions by all of the members of the CPF or subsets of members and the resource implications of such actions; (f) to prepare periodic reports on the CPF activities, achievements and resource allocations suitable for a wide range of audiences, including potential donors; (g) to further develop and expand its thematic joint initiatives, taking into account the strengths and focuses of the members of the CPF.⁴⁵

CITES

- The main contribution of CITES to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the world's forests and forest genetic resources is through ensuring the proper implementation of the Convention for the plants listed in the Appendices, which total around 30,000 species. In the case of Appendix-II listed species, this entails ensuring that exports of specimens of such species are sustainable and regulated in order to maintain them throughout their range at a level that is consistent with their role in the ecosystems in which they occur.
- CITES provisions relevant to forests and forest genetic resources fall within five thematic categories: tree species, medicinal and aromatic plant species; ornamental plant species; crosscutting implementation; and cooperation matters.
- The following CITES provisions in effect after the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18, Geneva 2019) are particularly relevant for CPF:
 - Resolutions Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) on the *Implementation of the Convention for tree species*, and 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Non-detriment findings*⁴⁶; and
 - Forest-relevant Decisions⁴⁷, of which are focused in strengthening the sustainability, legality and enforcement of the Convention for forestry species listed in the Appendices.
- In particular, the following Decisions might be of special interest for CPF in the development of its post-2020 Work plan:
 - 18.14 to 18.17 on the *Tree Species Programme*;
 - 18.307 to 18.308 on the *Production of a CITES Checklist for Dalbergia spp.*;
 - 18.79 on *Enforcement* (tree Task Force);
 - 18.188 to 18.93 to on *Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa* (including African rosewood);

⁴³ Paragraph 16(b) of E/RES/2015/33

⁴⁴ Paragraph 17(b)(ii) of E/RES/2015/33

⁴⁵ Paragraph 22 of E/RES/2015/33

⁴⁶ For full text available at: <https://www.cites.org/eng/res/index.php>

⁴⁷ Full text available at: <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/dec/valid18/E18-Dec.pdf>.

- 18.94 to 18.99 on *Malagasy palisanders and rosewoods and ebonies*;
 - 18.140 to 18.143 and 16.58 (Rev. CoP18) on *Identification of timber and other wood products*;
 - 18.203 to 18.204 on *Agarwood producing taxa*;
 - 18.205 on *Boswellia* trees;
 - 18.234 to 18.237 on *Rosewood tree species* (and the development of non-detriment findings); and,
 - 18.300 to 18.303 on *Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species*.
- On 20 December 2013, at its 68th session, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed 3 March – the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ([CITES](#)) in 1973 – as UN World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants.

The UNGA Resolution [68/205](#) also designated the CITES Secretariat as the facilitator for the global observance of this special day for wildlife on the UN calendar. WWD has now become the most important global annual event dedicated to wildlife.

GEF

The GEF General Assembly convened on 27-28 June 2018 and adopted the Programming Directions for the 7th GEF cycle (2018-2022). These Programming Directions include several provisions to promote the Sustainable Management of Forests (SFM) in the GEF beneficiary countries. The GEF-7 strategy includes a dedicated Impact Program on Sustainable Forest Management, focusing on the Amazon, the Congo Basin, and the Drylands. In addition, the strategy offers other means supporting forest conservation and restoration through the Biodiversity and Land Degradation funding windows and through the Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration Impact Program. In total, the GEF is expected to make available at least USD 700 million of grants over the course of the GEF-7 cycle to support the conservation and the sustainable management of forests worldwide.

In February 2021, the GEF launched the process for the development of its new resource programming directions strategy, in preparation for the negotiations of the 8th Replenishment Cycle of the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-8, 2022-2026). The SFM is one important topic that will be considered in the development of this new strategy.

CBD

Decision 14/30. Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations, and initiatives

35. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to engage with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests on the further development of its work plan and joint initiatives to implement the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 and the Global Forest Goals and their alignment with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting, and *encourages* member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to further coordinate on biodiversity-relevant data and methodologies for the development of spatial assessments of opportunities to advance on biodiversity commitments through the work of the Global Forest Goals, REDD+, and the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration, as appropriate, as well as alternative adaptation and mitigation approaches contributing to forest restoration.

36. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to provide further guidance on the type of support that may be available to Parties from members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests with regard to specific areas of implementation of the Convention, such as the Short- Term Action Plan on Ecosystem Restoration.

XIII/7. Forest biodiversity: the role of international organizations in supporting the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

5. Also invites the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, in preparing the 2017-2030 work plan of the Partnership, to consider ways and means of further enhancing their individual and collective contributions to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and support a coordinated approach to the achievement of the forest-related multilateral commitments and goals, such as the following:

- (a) Sharing experiences and related information on the implementation of the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (b) Identifying actions by which they could provide useful support to countries, including for the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, taking into account the different visions, approaches, models and tools to improve the integrated management of forests, including the development of technical capacity;
- (c) Examining their respective roles in order to leverage the comparative advantages of each of the members and to further enhance their joint contributions;
- (d) Improving monitoring of and reporting on progress, including the harmonization of indicators and reporting processes;
- (e) Improving knowledge management, including through open data platforms and interoperability to facilitate the sharing and synthesis of information;

XIII/3. Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including concerning mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors

Notes the Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests, the 2009 ITTO/IUCN guidelines for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests, as organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to operationalize sustainable forest management, ensuring the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;

ITTO

The governing body of the ITTO is the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC), being the highest authority and decision-making power of the ITTO. Governing statutes and relevant documentation relating to ITTO's work in collaboration with the CPF may be accessed through the links below:

[International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006](#)

www.itto.int/council_committees/itta/

[ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018 \(extended to 2021\)](#)

www.itto.int/council_committees/action_plans/

[ITTO Biennial Work Programme for the Years 2021-2022](#)

www.itto.int/direct/topics/topics_pdf_download/topics_id=6621&no=1&disp=inline

[ITTO Guidelines](#)

www.itto.int/guidelines/