CPF
Collaborative Partnership on Forests

WORK PLAN
2021-2024

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the Global Forest Goals*

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In its Strategic Vision towards 2030, 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, CPF will effectively enhance coherence and synergy on forest-related issues and values among its member organizations and help move from deforestation to restoration."

The CPF work plan 2021-2024 was developed in early 2021 to support the realisation of this vision. The member organisations of the CPF developed the work plan based on guidance received from the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) 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. The work plan will be revised once the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Quadrennial Programme of Work 2021-2024 is approved.

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CPF in action

Recurrently, the CPF engages in forest communication and outreach through its website, meetings, and events; operational activities such as policy coordination; contributions to the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) documentation and sessions; and activities on emerging issues and challenges, e.g., the joint CPF Statement, "Towards sustainability: forest solutions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic", 2020).

CPF members work together to implement Joint Initiatives (JIs).

JI: Streamlining Global Forest-related Reporting
Lead agencies: FAO and UNFF
Timeframe: 2021-2024

This JI focuses on harmonizing reporting on forest resources and their management and using reports for various processes and conventions. The initiative aims to improve coverage, quality, and transparency of forest-related data and information and to reduce the forest-related reporting burden of countries. The focus of work lies in improving the methodology for reporting on primary forests, revising the terms and definitions, improving reporting for the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025, and advancing the Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators.

JI: Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World

Lead agencies: FAO and ITTO supported by CIFOR-ICRAF, CITES, and the World Bank
Timeframe: 2018-2022

The principal goal of this JI 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 chain, the initiative advances responsible production and consumption of legally and sustainably produced wood, enhances the generation of socioeconomic benefits from forests, and increases the supply of low carbon products for a climate-resilient planet. This initiative supports selected countries to advance in sustainable and legal wood production and trade. In addition, it plans to launch a global communication campaign to promote the use of sustainably produced wood.

JI: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes

Lead agencies: CIFOR-ICRAF, GEF, and UNEP
Timeframe: 2021-2024

The initiative aims to boost bank and investor interest to increase capital flows towards forest and landscape restoration and deforestation-free agriculture. It further aims to create conditions for commitments to deforestation-free, sustainable commodity production and other forms of sustainable land use. This will be accomplished by releasing a framework including Key Performance Indicators; developing a standardized framing, measurement, and monitoring of environmental and social impacts related to agri/forestry loans and investments; and supporting agribusiness producer groups to better access business knowledge.
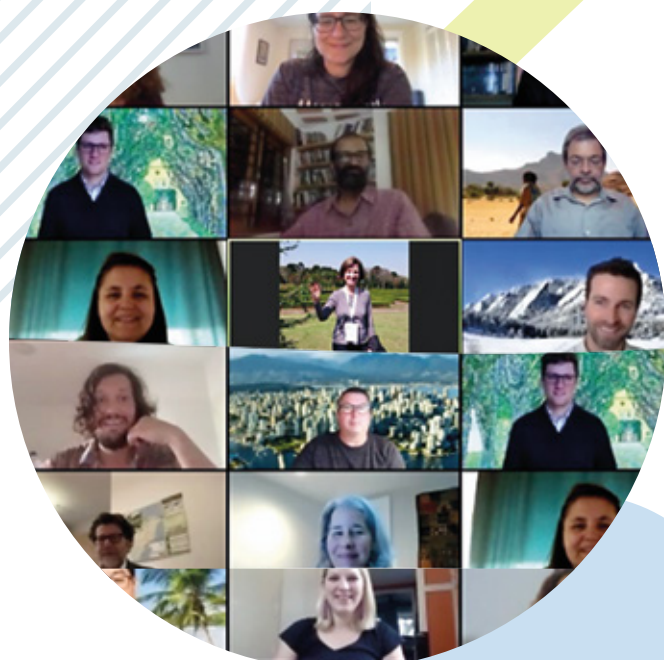
JI: Forest Landscape Restoration
Lead agency: IUCN
Timeframe: 2018-2021

This initiative aims to enhance synergies in the global Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) process and help countries and stakeholders scale up and strengthen the implementation of FLR at national and sub-national levels. It will mainstream FLR into national, regional, and international policy frameworks. It supports selected countries to develop bankable FLR project proposals; and generates new knowledge to showcase linkages between FLR and protected areas, SDGs, as well as to improve FLR implementation and financing at scale.

JI: Global Forest Expert Panels
Lead agency: IUFRO
Timeframe: continuous

This initiative assesses available scientific information in a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, objective, open and transparent way. It produces reports on forest-related issues of high concern, including emerging issues. About every second year, a Global Forest Expert Panels is formed on a selected topic to develop a global assessment report on that topic. Past panels e.g. focused on Forests, Trees and the Eradication of Poverty (2020), Forest and Water on a Changing Planet (2018), Illegal Logging and Related Timber Trade (2016).

JI: Communicators' Network
Lead agencies: CIFOR-ICRAF, CITES, FAO, UNFF
Timeframe: continuous

The CPF Communicators' Network facilitates actions to increase forest-related communication impact. It amplifies outreach activities of CPF members, events and coordinates strategic communication. It advises annually on, a common theme for the International Day of Forests and supports the promotion of the Day.

JI: Forest Finance Facilitation
Lead agency: UNFF
Timeframe: 2021-2024

This initiative supports the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network to mobilize financing from all sources to manage all types of forests and help countries design national forest financing strategies. A Clearing House Mechanism was developed, and the initiative seeks to develop a database on financing flows to forestry.

JI: Wangari Maathai Award
Lead agency: FAO
Timeframe: 2012 – open-ended

The CPF periodically awards extraordinary individuals for improving our forests and the lives of people who depend on them through the Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award. The awardee is selected based on his/her contribution towards the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of forests and communicating the key role forests play in rural livelihoods and the environment across generations. The awardee is recognized at an international forest event and receives a cash prize.

JI (in the pipeline): Pathways for Designing a Mechanism to Incentivize Deforestation Free Landscapes and Value Chains for Green Growth
Lead agencies: World Bank and ITTO
Timeframe: TBD

This initiative will aim to identify fiscal measures and incentives that could work and motivate the forest sector in the medium to long term. This includes taxes on "legal" timber (e.g., excluding wood from deforestation), "sustainable" timber taxes, royalties, tax benefits, and returns.

JI (in the pipeline): Turning the Tide on Deforestation
Lead agencies: FAO, UNEP, UNDP
Timeframe: 2021-2024

This initiative will aim to upscale global ambitions to address deforestation, map out UN system and CPF work and initiatives on deforestation, and identify gaps and propose solutions. It will focus on specific emerging issues and strengthen common advocacy based on data. The initiative will propose a global Action Plan on "Turning the Tide on Deforestation," in support of countries' efforts to halt deforestation.

JI (in the pipeline): Forest Education: capacity development and knowledge sharing for sustainable development
Lead agencies: FAO, ITTO, IUFRO Timeframe: 2021-2024

This initiative will contribute to building excellence in forest education, training and knowledge systems. It will facilitate the preparedness of forest workers, technicians and professionals equipped to address the challenges facing the contemporary workplace; and enhance the interest of young people in forest-related careers. Through increasing public awareness and the capacity of forest practitioners, countries and the global community will be better able to achieve forest-related and sustainable development goals.

What is the Collaborative Partnership on Forests?

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests, established in 2001 in support of the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests, is an informal, voluntary arrangement among 15 international organizations and secretariats with substantial programmes on forests. These agencies share their experiences and build on them to produce new benefits for their respective constituencies. They collaborate to streamline and align their work and to find ways of improving forest management and conservation and the production and trade of forest products.

Members: Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Global Environment Facility (GEF), 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), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and the World Bank.

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