



**CPF**  
Collaborative Partnership  
on Forests

# CPF Strategic Vision Towards 2030

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## I. Introduction

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) is an innovative voluntary inter-agency partnership which was established in 2001<sup>1</sup> to support the UN Forum on Forests and its member countries and to enhance cooperation and coordination on forest issues. Through its resolution 2015/33, the UN Economic and Social Council defined the core functions of the CPF as a component of the International Arrangement on Forests. The CPF is comprised of fifteen international organizations, institutions and secretariats that all have substantial programmes on forests.<sup>2</sup>

## II. Rationale

Today, the world is facing severe challenges which jeopardize the sustainable future of our planet and all people, regardless of political and geographic boundaries. Climate change and extreme weather events, floods, water scarcity, droughts, forest fires, forest and land degradation, deforestation, and biodiversity loss are hurting the lives, health and wealth of nations more frequently and with more intensity. Although heavily affected by these challenges, forests offer a key solution by providing vital social, environmental and economic services and benefits. To preserve, maintain and enhance the ability of forests to function as productive and resilient ecosystems and fulfil their role in addressing global challenges, the international community has set up several global frameworks for action. The most recent being the agreement on the Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and targets under the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF), adopted by the UN General Assembly in April 2017. To support these efforts, member organizations of the CPF decided to devise this Strategic Vision Towards 2030 (SV 2030) to provide strategic direction to the work of the Partnership, as well as a solid framework for its future workplans and activities until 2030. The SV 2030 provides an effective platform for using the aggregated potentials and skills of member organizations of the Partnership and for enhancing mutual supportiveness of their respective programs towards a common and noble Vision. The SV 2030 reflects the values and aspirations of the CPF member organizations to collectively advance sustainable forest management worldwide and to support relevant actions by members States, as well as other stakeholders. It is also the foundation for a coherent and powerful account of what the CPF aims to accomplish up to 2030.

## III. Vision Statement

By 2030 all types of forests and forest landscapes are sustainably managed, their multiple values are fully recognised, 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.

## IV. Strategic Priorities

To ensure realization of the Vision Statement of the SV 2030 and address the above-mentioned global challenges, the CPF member organizations collectively will advance the following strategic priorities outlined below.

### A. Supporting Achievement of the Globally-Agreed Goals and Targets on Forests

The primary strategic priority of the CPF until 2030 is to provide solutions to enable countries to achieve the Global Forest Goals and associated targets, the SDGs, the Paris Agreement and its NDCs, the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and other globally-agreed commitments on forests. The Partnership will continue to support the work of the UNFF, in particular, through assisting countries in the implementation of the Forum's Quadrennial Programme of Work, integrating the six GFGs and targets in the relevant programmes and activities of the Partnership and its member organizations, developing further the global core set of forest-related indicators, and supporting the work of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network and its clearing house. Specific topic (s) to be prioritized by the CPF will be determined each year in its workplan.

### B. Promoting Science-Policy Interface and Science-based Decision Making

CPF member organizations are the most competent forest-related global bodies with significant expertise, resources, research and scientific knowledge on forests and their interlinkages with wide variety of issues. These resources will be used to assist sound decision-making at all levels, in particular, within the global decision-making bodies on forests. The Partnership will actively advance science-based discussion and decision-making processes in the work of the Forum and CPF member organizations, utilizing its vast analytical and technical resources, as well as their respective networks of scientific communities. The Forum and other governing bodies of CPF member organizations will also prioritise promoting science-policy interface at their respective sessions.

<sup>1</sup> In response to resolution 2000/35 of the Economic and Social Council

<sup>2</sup> The CPF comprises: 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.

### **C. Enhancing Communication and Outreach Activities**

Communication and outreach are essential components for the success of the SV 2030. Using the CPF Communicators' Network and as part of its workplan, the CPF will develop its communication and outreach plans to raise awareness and advocate for change, within and outside of the forest sector, of the vital contribution of all types of forests and trees to life on earth and human well-being. The CPF communication and outreach strategy will draw on the UNSPF Communication and Outreach Strategy and the SV 2030, taking into account relevant themes of the Quadrennial Programmes of Work of the UNFF, and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), amongst others. The communication and outreach plans should identify, inter alia, target audiences, messages, methods, activities and success criteria.

### **D. Enhancing Cross-Sectoral Collaboration, Policy Coherence, Coordination, and Integrated Approach**

Many drivers of deforestation and threats to forests lie outside the forest sector. To provide effective support to countries to make progress and achieve the GFGs, SDGs and other globally-agreed goals and targets on forests, the CPF seeks to substantially advance cross-sectoral collaboration, coordination at all levels including among its member organizations. The Partnership will work to enhance policy coherence, and synergy among its members, including the Rio Convention Secretariats. The CPF will adopt an integrated approach as a means of promoting transformational change in its Joint Initiatives. Enhancing cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence and integrated approaches are crucial for the success of the work of the CPF, therefore, these should be key and standing components of the current and future workplans of the CPF.

### **E. Unlocking the full potential and values of forests**

Forests provide multiple social, environmental and economic values and benefits for countries, communities and stakeholders. CPF and its members will enhance their actions to support the assessment, promotion and realization of the full values of forests, forest landscapes and forest goods and services.

### **F. Identifying Emerging Issues of Significant Concerns to Forests**

CPF member organizations have a wide range of activities at the national, regional and international levels. They have the means and tools to monitor global trends and emerging issues of major concern to forests. The CPF and its members will actively bring the emerging issues of concerns to forests to the attention of the UNFF and other relevant governing bodies, including by producing policy briefs, and proposing solutions for addressing them.

## **V. Delivery Mechanisms**

Realization of the SV 2030 will be ensured, including through the CPF workplan and the key delivery mechanisms, contained in the CPF Policy Document, namely: CPF Joint Initiatives, CPF Dialogue and Focal Agency. The CPF member organizations may use additional delivery mechanism, consistent with their mandates. The Partnership will work with relevant global initiatives, and also use other opportunities such as the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, and the SG initiative on deforestation to advance the strategic priorities of its SV 2030. CPF member organizations will also work to contribute collectively to major global forest-related events and initiatives.

## **VI. Required Resources for Implementation**

Sustained and effective support by the CPF, as a voluntary partnership, to countries is a complex issue. The Partnership consists of independent entities whose mandates and resources are decided upon by the respective governing bodies of its members. Within their existing mandates, however, there are opportunities for improved collaboration among member organizations of the Partnership, as reflected in the CPF workplan or the SV 2030. Implementation of these activities are heavily dependant on the provision of resources by donor countries. The collective efforts of the CPF member organizations for their joint work needs to be supported and complemented substantially by countries, in particular, donor countries. The CPF will also use joint fund-raising to increase efficiency; benefits from the unique skills of its members and reduce competition for donor funding sources. As part of its workplans, CPF will periodically inform the Forum and other governing bodies of its member organizations as appropriate, on the resource requirements and available resources for implementation of the workplan. The CPF will proactively liaise with the donor community, including through special meetings with donors to make them aware of CPF activities and of ways to support them.

## **VII. Review of the CPF Strategic Vision Towards 2030**

The CPF will assess the progress in advancing the SV 2030, in conjunction with the midterm and final reviews of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests, in 2024 and 2030. Based on its review and considering the outcome of the IAF reviews, the CPF will revise or adjust the existing SV 2030, or develop a new document, if needed.

## **VIII. Action by Governing Bodies of the CPF Member Organizations**

The governing bodies of the CPF member organizations are invited to take note of the SV 2030 and support its realization.

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