



**CPF**  
Collaborative Partnership  
on Forests

# WORK PLAN 2021-2024

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*Working together to reach  
the Global Forest Goals*



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, and updated annually, 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.

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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 Statements: Towards sustainability: forest solutions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (2020), Challenges and opportunities in turning the tide on deforestation (2021).

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

## **Ji: Streamlining Global Forest-related Reporting** Lead agencies: FAO and UNFF Timeframe: 2021-2024

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This JI focuses on harmonizing reporting on forest resources, their management and use 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 tiers of Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators.





## J1: Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World

Lead agencies: FAO and ITTO supported by CIFOR-ICRAF, CITES, and the World Bank  
Timeframe: 2018-2024

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The principal goal of this JI is to strengthen sustainable wood value chains to enhance their contributions to climate resilience and livelihoods. By setting up collaborative activities with a broad range of stakeholders along the value chain, the initiative advances responsible production and consumption of wood, enhances socioeconomic benefits from forest-based ecological interventions such as restoration of degraded ecosystems and reduced deforestation, and increases the supply of low carbon products for a climate-resilient planet. The initiative's innovative approach focuses on identifying regional and national priorities to increase sustainability, efficiency, and inclusion of wood chains, and working with relevant players to design and implement targeted solutions that connect environmental and socioeconomic needs. In addition, the SW4SW promotes awareness-raising through communication campaigns to promote the use of sustainably and legally produced wood.

## J1: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes

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

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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.



## J1: 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 have focused on topics such as Forests and Trees for Human Health (2023), Forests, Trees and the Eradication of Poverty (2020), Forest and Water on a Changing Planet (2018), Illegal Logging and Related Timber Trade (2016).



## J1: Communicators' Network

Lead agencies: FAO, UNFF, CIFOR-ICRAF

Timeframe: continuous

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



## J1: 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.



## Jl: 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.



## Jl: Forest Education

Lead agencies: FAO, ITTO, IUFRO

Timeframe: 2021-2024

This initiative contributes to building excellence in forest education, training and knowledge systems. It facilitates the preparedness of forest workers, technicians and professionals equipped to address the challenges facing the contemporary workplace; enhances the interest of young people in forest-related careers; and focuses on the educational needs of local small/medium size forest producers, mainly in indigenous forest communities in developing countries. 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.



## 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 aims to upscale global ambitions to address deforestation. It focuses on specific emerging issues and strengthens common advocacy based on data. This work is based on the flagship initiatives and programmes mapped out by the CPF. Challenges and opportunities in turning the tide on deforestation were identified and published in a joint statement. Further, the initiative will propose a global Action Plan on "Turning the Tide on Deforestation," in support of countries' efforts to halt deforestation. Moreover, the initiative will directly benefit from synergies and upscaling opportunities with the GEF-7 and emerging GEF-8 Impact Programmes on Food Systems through leveraging activities on sustainable value chains and agri-food system transformation.

<sup>1</sup> Presented at UNFCCC COP26, Turning the Tide on Deforestation, Flagship initiatives of the CPF (2021):

<https://www.fao.org/3/cb7451en/cb7451en.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> CPF Statement, Challenges and opportunities in turning the tide on deforestation (2021): <https://www.fao.org/3/cb5879en/cb5879en.pdf>

## JI (in the pipeline): Primary Forests

Lead agencies: GEF, UNFFS, FAO, IUCN, CBD, CIFOR

Timeframe: 2021-2024

This initiative has the aim to move the global primary forests conservation and financing agenda forward. It aims to support UNFF members, directly and through the CPF, to produce better data on the status and trends in primary forests to inform policy formulation, decision making and investments to conserve primary forests. It also includes a capacity development component for awareness raising and dissemination of the results and good practices on primary forest monitoring and conservation.



# 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 16 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), Green Climate Fund (GCF), 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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