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COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP ON FORESTS

UNFF18 Side Event:

Towards a more efficient and impactful Collaborative Partnership on Forests

Concept Note

11 May 2023, 1:15-2:30pm EDT

CR4, UNHQ, New York and webcast link: [UN WebTV](#)

Background

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests, established in 2001 (ECOSOC resolution 2015/33) is an informal, voluntary arrangement among 16 international organizations and secretariats with substantial programmes on forests.

The vision of the CPF is 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 realize this vision, CPF members work together on forest issues to support countries and help move from deforestation to restoration.

At the CPF Organization-led Initiative (OLI) organized by FAO and UNFFS, held from 22 to 23 February 2023 at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, CPF was invited to enhance interaction and communication with members of the Forum, regional and sub regional partners, and major groups on its activities during UNFF sessions by organizing briefing meetings. The CPF was also invited to continue to enhance coherence, and collaboration on sustainable forest management, and upscale progress and impact on the ground towards SFM, in particular, by advancing an integrated approach to climate change, biodiversity, land, and forest agendas at all levels, taking into account the outcomes of UNFF and other forest-related fora.

After the successful "Friends of the CPF meeting" at UNFF17 in 2022, this event is organized to respond to the above requests and to enhance dialogue with UNFF Members.

Objectives

The effectiveness of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) is currently under review as part of the midterm review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests. Seizing this opportunity, this side event is seeking an open and forward-looking discussion with UNFF Member States on how the CPF can better carry out its functions as defined in E/RES/2015/33, and become more impactful and efficient. This event aims to provide information and build better understanding of the ongoing work of the CPF, explore pathways to strengthen CPF's support to UNFF Member States, and to collect views and informal feedback from them. The side event will also offer an opportunity to identify next steps to be taken regarding Member States' engagement and contributions to the CPF's work.

During the side event the CPF will:

- Inform participants of the CPF updated work plan 2021-2024 and its priorities for 2023;
- Facilitate discussion to explore opportunities on how the CPF can better support the implementation of Member States' priorities, and identify obstacles and ways to overcome them;





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- Reflect on a how to achieve a more efficient and impactful CPF in support of UNFF Members;
- Invite UNFF Members, partners, major groups and other stakeholders to reflect on their enhanced engagement, contribution and collaboration in order to further strengthen CPF's activities to best support Members efforts in scaling up their actions to accelerate progress towards the Global Forest Goals and other forest-related commitments.

To stimulate the discussions during this side event, the panel will address the following questions:

- CPF's role in supporting Member States in achieving forest commitments. How can CPF's work be better incorporated in the mandates of its Member's organizations?
- What are the opportunities for funding the CPF work in support of UNSPF and other forest commitments, including from multilateral financial institutions?
- How can CPF Members be more impactful and coordinated to enhance efforts in achieving the Global Forest Goals, including through their governing bodies?
- How can the communication be improved among the CPF member organizations?

Format of the meeting

The side event will be held in Conference Room 4 at UNHQ, New York, and webcasted on UN Web TV. The meeting will be open to UNFF18 participants.

Draft programme

Opening: Mr. Zhimin Wu, Chair of the CPF

Brief presentation of the updated CPF work plan and priorities for 2023: Mr. Ryo Nakamura, Secretary of the CPF

Panel "Towards a more efficient and impactful CPF":

- Mr. Garo Batmanian, Director General, Forest Service, Brazil
- Mr. Henry Gonzalez, Executive Director ad interim of the Green Climate Fund (video message)
- Mr. Pascal Martinez, GEF Secretariat
- Ms. Jihyun Lee, Director of the Science, Policy and Governance Unit of CBD Secretariat
- Mr. Dirk Nemitz, UNFCCC Secretariat
- Mr. Matthias Schwoerer, Head of Division, European and International Forest Policy Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany

Summary and the next steps: Mr. Zhimin Wu, Chair of the CPF

Moderator: Ms. Juliette Biao, Vice-Chair of the CPF

