



## REPORT OF THE FAO ACPWP-54<sup>TH</sup> PREPARATORY MEETING

Wednesday, 26 September 2012 (Finnish Forestry Room, D440, 09:00 – 12:30)

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Mike Peter</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Teresa Presas, Elisabeth de Carvalhaes, Donna Harman, Masataka Hayama, Bernard de Galember, Danielle Melo Soares (BRACELPA)</b>
<b>Observers:</b>	<b>Armando Goes (observer), Avrim Lazar (observer)</b>
<b>FAO:</b>	<b>Eduardo Rojas (09:00 - 09:30), Jukka Tissari, Thomas Hofer (11:00 – 11:30), Victoria Heymell</b>

### **Item 1. Discussion on the ACPWP renewal, Steering Committee and membership for 2013- 2014**

FAO presented to the ACPWP the list of eight proposed nominees for new members, and two organizations for observer status. The Committee members endorsed FAO proposals.

**Follow-up:** Donna Harman will contact David Lindsey (FPAC, Canada) to check their interest in continuing as member.

### **Item 2. Stock-taking of the Rio+20 side event & follow-up**

Members described the value of Rio+20 *Forests: the heart of a Green Economy*, and summarised the follow-up activities being undertaken.

Elizabeth de Carvalhaes: in Brazil, immediate follow up included further media contact and the release of FAO's second video. The event and its positive media outreach were much appreciated by the leaders of the industry.

There is a need to raise the profile of sustainable forest products. BRACELPA is following up with the final documentation from the UN General Assembly. There is a wish to have forests considered more in the goals coming out of Rio+20. The final text on UNCSD should include forests more profoundly than envisaged before the event.

FAO produced the event highlights video immediately after the event. In the COFO agenda there is an item on translating Rio+20 into action.

FAO Strategy on Partnerships with the Private Sector outlines that members of every partnership must adhere to a set of FAO's basic principles, among others to the endorsement and implementation of the *Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests*, which has been popularized e.g. in COFO.

Donna Harman: in the USA AF&PA is distributing information to members and government officials. Information is being used in public speeches and other opportunities, such as presentations on sustainability.



Michael Peter concluded the item by thanking FAO, BRACELPA and ICFPA for organizing the Rio+20 event.

**Follow-up:** Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) asked FAO make a proposal on improved communication and evidence on the social, economic and environmental benefits of forest and wood-based products in green economy.

FAO will organize an international event on forests in food security 13-15 May 2013. Various issues how forests are important to food security will be raised: direct (NWFPs): indirect (packaging, livelihoods).

### **Item 3. Planning for ACPWP-54th (Brazil)**

Elizabeth: dates will be 4-5 June 2013. The venue is still to be determined with cost and logistics being the important considerations. One factor is also that the ICFPA CEO Roundtable will be on 6 June in São Paulo. The joint ACPWP-54<sup>th</sup> / ICFPA meeting may be split with some time outside the city and the final day/evening in the city. Up to 40 participants are anticipated. The venue decision will be sent out soon.

Follow-up: Secretary of ACPWP requested BRACELPA to send the exact information as soon as possible because this will enable the political process to be initiated from FAO's DG letter to the Government of Brazil.

### **Item 4. Setting up of:**

- a) Working Group 1:** Comparative Assessment on the Efficiency of Water Use in Planted Forests and Other Crops (short name "Forests and water")
- b) Working Group 2:** Future Skills and Educational Strategies for the Transition into Forest-based Bio-economy (short name "Future Workforce")

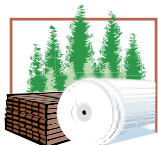
Revised Concept Notes for both working groups are attached. Main responsibility of implementing the work will be on two hired Consultants supported by FAO staff. Responsibilities of selected ACPWP members in the Working Groups are explained at the end of Concept Notes. ACPWP members are requested to review and confirm their availability, or propose alternates.

### **Forests and Water**

This issue follows on from the draft document that was presented at Delhi. In particular the economic discussion (efficiency of water use in crops to generate value-added in final products) forms one important part of the larger international water agenda.

Planned organization of the work:

- Phase 1: Determine the current state of knowledge, and identify the gaps
- Phase 2: Set agenda for a targeted assessment and decide on how to continue to implement the Concept Note task



In the first review Consultant (Victoria Heymell) looks at the current state of knowledge on water usage patterns in all forest types. The subsequent comparison of water use per area/output will focus on planted forests and agriculture, i.e. quantification of water use by forest compared with other crops. Comparable data on the value-added in final products will add on the economic dimension of the assessment.

It is envisaged that a draft report will be available for discussion at the ACPWP 54<sup>th</sup> meeting in June 2013.

**Follow-up:** FAO engages new experts to the working group:

ACPWP partners indicated interest in providing full cooperation, and names of potential experts. In addition to the list of experts proposed in the concept note the following will be contacted:

- Marten Larsson (Swedish Forest Industries Federation)
- David Jorge Soares (Portugal – forest hydrologist)
- Natalia Canova (BRACELPA)
- Others from the Task Force on Forest and Water (IUFRO, ICRAF, CIFOR)

The targeted assessment will be built on certain countries and case studies with planted forests as a priority. Inputs from the ACPWP members are called in the form of data and case studies.

For further information beyond planted forests CEPI has worked with experts from the Dutch Twente University on e.g. water footprinting and the role of forests in evaporation and transpiration. CEPI will share this work on forest and water interactions.

#### **Item 5. Forest skills and educational strategies for the transition into forest based bio-economy**

There was some discussion on exactly what is being asked from FAO here. It was agreed that the original message was about the shortage of labour in certain skill sets, which is hindering the industry in moving to another level in bio-economy.

Some changes were made to the concept paper with the list of specific skilled jobs in forest sub-sector refined.

The order of the steps in study methodology was changed to better reflect the work process (see Concept Note). It is expected that the initial statistical and literature research will help the Consultant making a proposal on the final setup

**Follow up:** Donna Harman will check if TAPPI (Technical Association of Pulp & Paper Industries) would be willing to collaborate. IFSA (International Forestry Students' Association) has been confirmed to participate in the Working Group.

#### **Item 6. Other matters**

Jukka Tissari reminded the Committee that the FAO Recovered Paper Survey is being undertaken and that FAO will approach some of the members on this. Tentative launch will be already Feb-March 2013, and reference year is 2011.