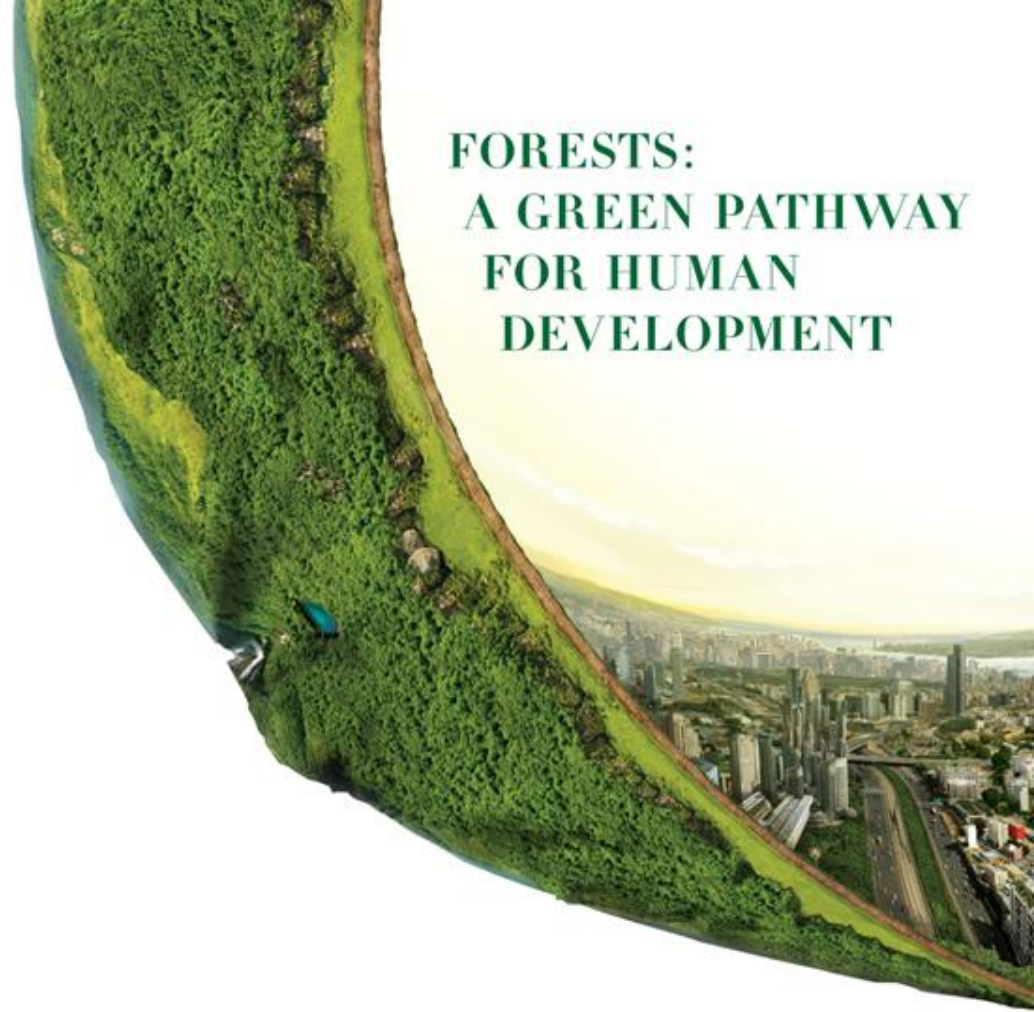


Forests and Rio+20

Item 5

FORESTS:
A GREEN PATHWAY
FOR HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT



COFO 21
WORLD FOREST WEEK



- Rio+20 was held from 20-22 June 2012
- Seven main themes of the conference were:
 - jobs
 - energy
 - sustainable cities
 - food security and sustainable agriculture
 - water
 - oceans
 - disaster readiness



RIO+20
United Nations
Conference on
Sustainable
Development

.....Nothing



The Landscape:
Transformative Action through
Cross-Sectoral Coordination



...FAO
held many
forestry-
related
events

PROMOTING THE CROSS-SECTORAL NATURE OF FORESTRY

- FAO's submission to Rio+20 emphasized a vision of eradicating hunger and malnutrition
- Forestry was noted as making an important contribution to sustaining livelihoods and eradicating hunger
- Sustainable consumption and production, forests and ecosystem services, minimizing waste to reduce negative environmental impacts and securing land tenure were mentioned as essential pieces of achieving the Rio+20 vision



PROMOTING THE CROSS-SECTORAL NATURE OF FORESTRY



- CPF submission stressed the importance of taking a 'landscape approach' and connection of forests to the seven Rio+20 themes and MDGs
- CPF recommended *inter alia* strengthening forest-related institutions; greater capacity for forest management; increasing forest rights

- 4 forest paragraphs are included in the “Future We Want” outcome document, which notes CPF and the NLBI



SFM



REDD

voluntary commitments so far:747

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION (1)

- The Committee may wish to:
 - Request FAO to seek ways to maximize forests' contribution to greening the economy and invite UNEP, ITTO and others to cooperate in this effort by:
 - taking stock of existing tools and guidelines for strengthening SFM including those that have already been developed (e.g. ITTO)
 - Seek ways to maximize forests' contribution to greening the economy and invite UNEP, ITTO, REOs and others to cooperate in this effort



POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION (2)

- The Committee may wish to:
 - Recommend FAO support countries in Rio+20 follow up work, including on:
 - creating more food-secure environments by increasing forestry and agricultural linkages
 - considering the development of a framework (implementation) for SFM for all types of forests
 - provide analysis and assistance to countries to improve the sustainability of forest products

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION (3)

- The Committee may wish to:
 - Encourage countries to emphasize and promote the benefits forests provide for sustainable development as part of national and international policy debates
 - Recommend FAO strengthen its role as a member and Chair of the CPF and enhance CPF's work on SFM
 - Invite countries to contribute to the International Conference on Forests for Food Security in May 2013

Thank you!

