

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests: Its goals and achievements

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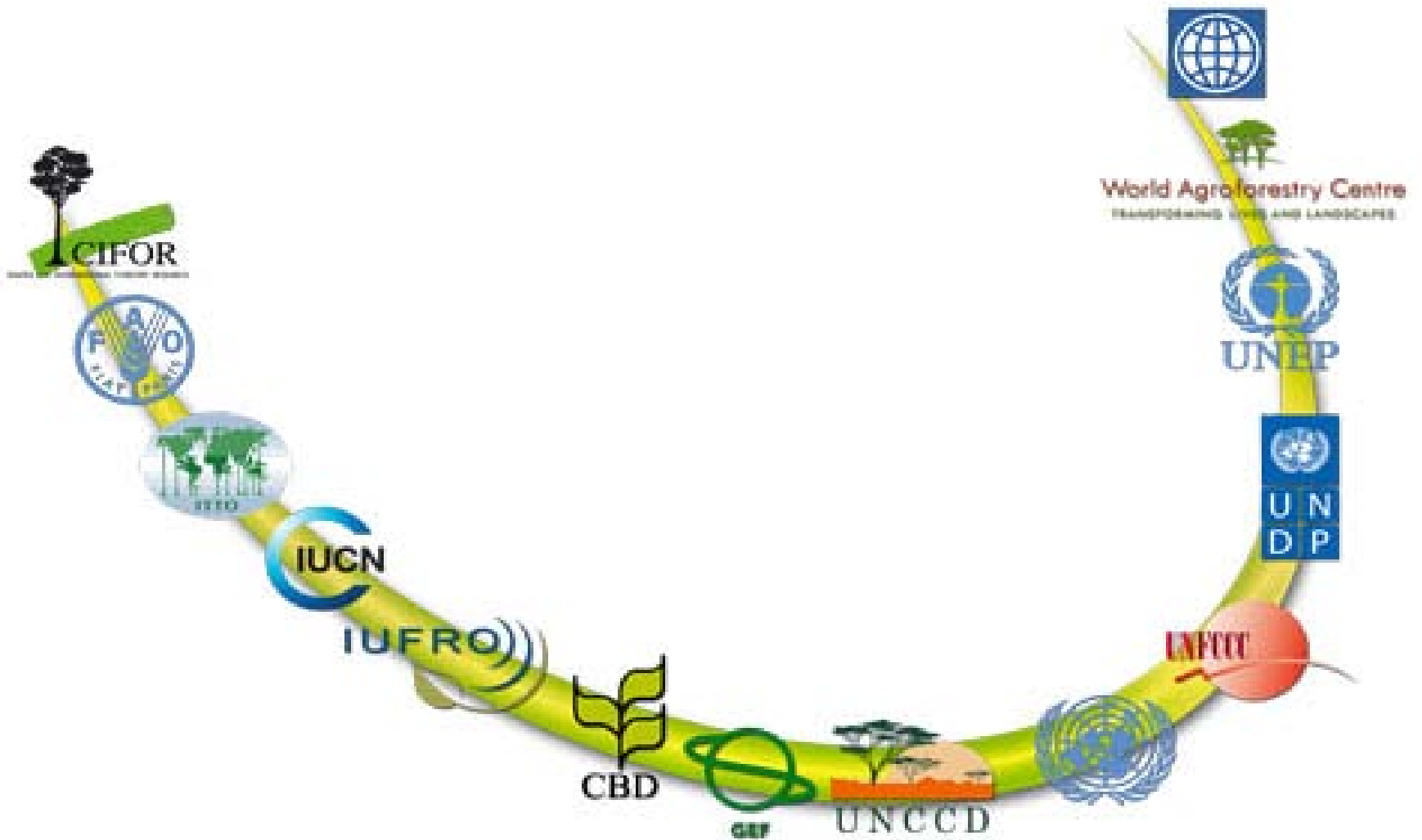




The Collaborative Partnership on Forests

Established in 2001, the CPF promotes the sustainable management of all types of forests and strengthens long-term political commitment to this end.

Members of the CPF





CPF's Objectives:



1) Support the work of UNFF and its member countries

2) Enhance cooperation and coordination on forest issues



CPF Initiatives and Achievements



CPF members collaborate on a variety of activities and themes:

- **Sourcebook on Funding for SFM**
- **The Global Forest Information Service (GFIS)**
- **Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP)**
- **Forest-related definitions**
- **Response to the Indian Ocean tsunami (2004)**
- **The Strategic Framework on Climate Change**
- **Forest Degradation**
- **Access to finance for forests**
- **Forest law enforcement and governance**
- **Advancing a Common Message on SFM**
- **Streamlining Forest-Related Reporting**
- **Forest Days at UNFCCC COPs**
- **The International Year of Forests**



Forest Degradation

Key components of the CPF Initiative on Forest Degradation are:

- Survey of country practices
- Analytical study on definitions
- Series of case studies
- Development of assessment methods and guidelines

The Initiative is currently developing forest degradation guidelines on the following themes:

- Biomass/growing stock
- Biological diversity
- Forest health
- Forest goods
- Soil quality
- Fragmentation



CPF Initiative on Streamlining Forest-Related Reporting

- **Intensive work in the early 2000s to support reporting to various instruments**
- **Upcoming workshop in October 2010 to re-start efforts of the initiative and respond to new challenges**
- **Members will review criteria and indicators on sustainable forest management, taking into account emerging issues, methods and achievements of regional bodies such as FOREST EUROPE and the Montreal Process**



CPF Strategic Framework on Climate Change

The document encourages CPF members assist in:

- incorporating climate change issues into National Forest Programmes;
- building capacity to achieve SFM;
- developing integrated policy approaches;
- enhancing forest monitoring and assessment;
- improving the science – policy interface; and
- securing financing and investment

CPF members also work collaboratively to promote and assist with REDD Readiness efforts, and promote international dialogue on climate change adaptation and mitigation, including at ‘Forest Days’ held in conjunction with the UNFCCC COPs



Advancing a Common Message on SFM

- **CPF members are developing a draft document on SFM to:**
 - 1) **clarify the concept of SFM to achieve a common understanding;**
 - 2) **develop common messages on SFM; and**
 - 3) **deliver a CPF response through joint activities, including information and guidance on SFM implementation**
- **Information submitted from the CPF partners will be analyzed in September 2010 and a working group meeting on the matter will be held during World Forest Week in October 2010**



The International Year of Forests (2011)

- **UNFFS will take the lead in organizing and coordinating efforts in this regard. The year will be launched at UNFF9 in January 2011**
- **CPF Activities for the Year could include:**
 - The development of promotional materials such as press kits and films;
 - Reaching out to new partners in the media and the corporate world to positive share messages about forests
 - Events and contests related to (or in!) forests
 - Establishment of an IYF website containing forest-related stories, discussion forums and links to social media promoting forest issues
 - Tree planting activities, photo and art exhibitions

Thank you!

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