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further shared an update on the status of the CPF assessment, including the joint recruitment of two consultants,
Mr. Alhassan Attah and Mr. Thom Sprenger, by FAO and UNFFS to prepare the initial CPF assessment report.
Mr. Thom Sprenger, on behalf of the two consultants for the CPF assessment, provided an overview of the status
of the preparations of the CPF assessment report and schedules of interviews with representatives of Member
States and CPF members present in Rome, as well as those representatives who are not present in Rome, noting
that the consultants expect to prepare the initial findings of their assessment towards the end of October.
In response to members’ queries, the UNFF Secretariat further informed that there would be ample opportunities
for CPF members to share their views on the outcome of work and recommendations of the consultants. The
consultants report would be presented to the CPF Organization-led Initiative (22-23 February 2023, FAO HQ,
Rome) to review and discuss the result of the work of the consultants among countries, CPF members and other
stakeholders. CPF members would have the opportunity to review and discuss among themselves the consultants’
report before the OLI takes place and their feedback would be considered by the consultants. And then another
opportunity for CPF will be to provide their inputs and views during the OLI. Regarding the IAF MTR report by the
consultants, FAO noted the value of having a CPF coordinated response prior to the OLI and other CPF members
supported the idea.
In addition, all outcomes of the intersessional work on the IAF MTR, including the CPF OLI, would be presented to
the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group (AHEG) to be held before the end of 2023, which aims
at making a proposal to UNFF19 on the IAF MTR. CPF members are also expected to participate in AHEG and they
will have the opportunity to share their views. At UNFF19, which is a policy session, the Forum would further
discuss and decide on the IAF MTR. At this juncture, CPF members will also have the opportunity to share their
views.
The UNFF Secretariat recalled the provision of the UNFF17 resolution regarding the call to continue to strengthen
the CPF collaboration with and support to the work of the Forum and its members for the implementation of the
UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF), noting the need to further integrate the UNSPF into the CPF members’ work
programmes.
b. Secondment from CPF members to the UNFFS
The UNFF Secretariat highlighted the importance of the CPF members’ contributions to the work of the UNFF, and
encouraged CPF members to consider the secondment their staff to the UNFF Secretariat per the UNFF17
invitation, particularly for the work of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN), building on past
experiences with collaboration through the secondment of staff.
Members noted the importance of the work of the GFFFN on forest finance and its collaboration and synergies
with other related work of the CPF members such as the UN-REDD. The ITTO Secretariat offered to explore the
possibility of providing online support to the GFFFN activities.
Key actions to be taken:
▪ Members are invited to submit their response to the questionnaire on the midterm review of the
International Arrangement on Forests by its extended deadline of 14 October 2022;
▪ Members are invited to coordinate joint input to the review process of the CPF, the Chair will prepare a
draft proposal and will circulate to Members for inputs and comments.
▪ The Chair in consultation with the secretariat will prepare the draft concept note and programme of the
CPF OLI and will circulate to CPF members for consideration; and
▪ UNFF will provide additional information on its needs for the secondment from the CPF members.
▪ Members are invited to nominate their representatives to participate in the UNFF Expert Group Meeting
on “the UNFF’s contribution to the 2030 Agenda, Involvement of Regional/Subregional Entities, and
Involvement of Major Group and Other Stakeholders” (11-13 January 2023, Bangkok);

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Item 3. Preparations for CPF activities in 3Q and 4Q of 2022
a. Joint activities in the forthcoming events and other opportunities, including CBD COP15 and UNFCCC COP27
b. Updates on the implementation of the CPF work plan
The Vice-Chair highlighted the forthcoming major events in the remaining period of 2022, particularly CBD COP15
and UNFCCC COP27, and invited members to identify opportunities for the CPF to plan its joint activities and
events.
The CBD Secretariat provided updates on the status of preparations for CBD COP15, outlining the schedules of the
fifth Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) to be held prior to the
opening of COP15, the COP15 high-level segment in the second week of COP15, and the Rio Pavilion and side
events on forests,

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