



Work Plan for 2017

Objectives (Part A)

- Strengthen and increase the effectiveness of IFFA as the global family forestry network: Increasing the effectiveness of IFFA in identifying the challenges of family forestry globally/locally
- Increase the relevance of IFFA to its members as a forum for exchange of experience, information and ideas

Activities to be pursued towards the objectives in 2017

- Develop the functionality of our web-site
- Improve communications with our members through regular reporting of IFFA activities on the web-site and in newsletter
- Increase information sharing among our members: invite requests for organized sharing of information on relevant topics
- Continue to bring in new members, with a member of the Board acting as coordinator of outreach
- Support our members in Latin America (CONOSIL), Africa (FF-SPAK) and Asia (AFFON) to take the lead in contact and follow up with new and existing organisations who are potential members.
- Organise Forest owner organisations' regional meetings in Africa and the Americas in order to increase direct exchange of experience and knowledge between organisations

- Follow up on the regional meeting in Asia with AFFON as well as Tree Bank, and the Asian Farmers Association
- Communicate with UN bodies in order to recognise the important role of family forestry in carbon sequestration, livelihood enhancement, prosperity, soil conservation among others

Objectives (Part B)

- Work to increase understanding of the benefits of family forestry and the importance of multi-generational forest ownership, sustainable forest management, and locally controlled forestry
- Promote family forestry and work to obtain enabling political and economic frameworks, including secure ownership rights
- Influence international forest policy processes through participation and various communication methods; become increasingly recognized as a key participant
- Begin to establish specific objectives for concrete results on which to focus efforts in international forest policy processes in 2017. Seek to gain meaningful recognition for increased use of wood as a key tool in the fight against climate change in the final declaration of COP23 of the UNFCCC.
- Strengthen our cooperation with other groups with similar vision and objectives, and in particular, with the international alliances for community and indigenous peoples' forestry, the GACF and the IAITPTF

Activities to be pursued towards the objectives in 2017

- Continue our participation in international processes, including:
 - the UN Forum on Forests and its work to develop a strategic plan for the Forum for the 2017 to 2030 period
 - the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals post 2015 and their forest-related targets
 - the UN Framework Conventions on Biological Diversity

- the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and other relevant fora
- On the issue of greater use of wood, in preparation for COP 23, UNFCCC, in Bonn in November:
 - seek to establish dialogue with UNFCCC
 - identify and seek support from key actors within FAO
 - seek support from moderate environmental groups
 - organize side-event with other Major Groups at UNFF in May in New York to seek to raise the profile of this issue
 - cooperate with PEFC and possibly FSC
 - encourage our member associations to seek vigorous support from their national governments
- Strengthen the on-going building of our collaboration with FAO and implement the provisions of partnership with Forest and Farm Facility, including following activities:
 - strengthen and further develop web and electronic communication,
 - build communication and direct exchange of experience and knowledge through regional meetings,
 - build mutual strength at national, regional and global levels through bilateral contacts and partnering projects.
 - raise the smallholder voice at international events, producing position papers and giving input to documents, seminars and meetings.
 - Increase documentation and fact finding and collect stories and “faces” in order to illustrate small holders and their importance
 - cooperate with the alliances of community forestry and indigenous peoples.
- Continue our collaboration with PEFC through the Stakeholder Dialogue and the Group Certification project
- Work to develop our new partnership with RRI
- Seek opportunities for collaboration with other relevant organisations such as IIED IUCN, and TFD
- Seek to establish dialogue with the forestry-related branches of the World Bank, and with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development

- Skill development and technological interventions to support enhance livelihood of the forest farmers.

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