



Work Plan for 2018

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 2018

- Arrangements of the new secretariat and internal work should be developed without endangering the core functions of IFFA and its members
- Continue improvements with 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
- There should be follow-up to the Tanzania meeting to support and empower the local actors even further to ensure further improvements
 - IFFA will help to organize a workshop in East Africa with FF-SPAK on how to get access to the big Climate funds to support the tree-planting

efforts being promoted by the associations in Kenya, and neighboring countries.

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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
- Highlight the importance of small-scale and family forestry in achieving the EU Sustainable development goals and Paris agreements climate mitigation potential of active forest management
- Begin to establish specific objectives for concrete results on which to focus efforts in international forest policy processes in 2018. 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 COP24 of the UNFCCC.
- Strengthen our cooperation with other groups with similar vision and objectives, including, 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
- 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.
 - Work with FAO (and/or ITTO) to organize a major side-event at COP24 in December in Poland on climate benefits from sustainable forest management and increased use of timber
 - Continue our collaboration with PEFC through the Stakeholder Dialogue and the Group Certification project. “Trees outside of Forest” should be supported in the upcoming standard updates
 - 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.