

*Template for regional working groups: International Expert Meeting on Addressing Climate Change through Sustainable Management of Tropical Forests*

**Topic: Needs at the institutional/governance level for designing and implementing forestry mitigation and adaptation activities in the context of sustainable forest management.**

**Region: Latin America**

<b>Key issues</b>	<b>ITTO</b>	<b>National Gvts.</b>	<b>Other institutions</b>
Forest ecosystems in Latin America are highly vulnerable to current changes in the global climatic system. The overall adaptation capacity in the region is low, thus the current vulnerability of forest ecosystem, the forest sector and forest depending people is increasing	<p>Promote a better understanding of and capacity building on the ongoing impacts of climate change on tropical forests, the forest sector, other sectors and forest depending people</p> <p>Facilitate the understanding of economic impacts as a consequence of the climate change impacts on tropical forests</p>	Strengthen national policies aimed at understanding of ongoing impacts of climate change on tropical forests, the forest sector, other sectors and forest depending people	
Financing mechanisms in addressing climate change	Promote/facilitate dialogue spaces, exchange	Promote stakeholder consultations including civil society, (communities) private sector	Promote/facilitate dialogue spaces, exchange (e.g. World Bank, FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNFF)
Impacts on and challenges from cross-sectoral policies on mitigation and adaptation activities in forestry (e.g.	Facilitate regional exchange on addressing cross-sectoral experiences	Promote cross-sectoral dialogue and coordination among relevant policies	Facilitate regional exchange on addressing cross-sectoral experiences (e.g. World Bank, FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNFF)
Inequity in the distribution of	Facilitate regional exchange on	Promote a balance in the	

public funds, especially compared to the agricultural sector	<p>addressing in improving competitiveness of the forest sector including the regional studies conducted by ITTO.</p> <p>Conduct the widespread the results of the studies on subsidies in the forest sector. Further in-depth studies of other positive incentives and its relation to forest and climate change</p>	provision of public funds for promoting SFM.	
Increase the economic value of the forest:	<p>Conduct studies on valuation of NTFP and environmental services in the tropical forest and its relation to SFM</p> <p>Promote exchange of experiences on PES among ITTO members and piloting experiences</p>	Ensure incentives for the forest sector e.g. better credit conditions	<p>Promote studies on valuation of NTFP and environmental services in the tropical forest and its relation to SFM</p> <p>Promote exchange of experiences on PES among ITTO members and piloting experiences</p>
Globalization has an impact on land use and on drivers for land use change	Conduct studies to evaluate the pressure on the tropical forest especially for forest conversion due to international demand of specific products (e.g. land demand for bio-fuel plantations, mining, agricultural products)	Whenever required, countries should consider the need to promote national policies that maintain forest cover	
It is necessary to promote a real	Facilitate the understanding of	Shall pursue long term and	

effort on SFM as a means for a net mitigation impact	different options to achieve effective mitigation to climate change through SFM	efficient approaches for addressing climate change through SFM	
<p>Role of institutions and processes that could have a regional coverage of developments/needs for using SFM in adaptation to and mitigation of climate change, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)</li> <li>• Comunidad Andina de Naciones (CAN)</li> <li>• Tratados de libre comercio</li> <li>• UNASUR</li> <li>• COFLAG</li> <li>• CCAD</li> <li>• Regional offices of international organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FAO, ITTO, etc</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Reinforce the role of ITTO in clarifying the role of SFM in addressing climate change within the CPF</p> <p>Informing the UNFCCC process; providing capacity building among forestry officials in member countries on climate change negotiation</p> <p>Pursue a coordinated action among intergovernmental institutions in considering SFM of tropical forest in addressing climate change</p>	<p>Promote coordinated positioning in different processes. Whenever possible promote national consultation and concerting processes defining national positions that have an impact on the management of tropical forests. Such consultation and concerting processes shall include all sectors of the society</p>	
Challenges for local governance and decentralization processes in planning and implementing mitigation and adaptation activities	<p>Considering this issue when updating the set of C&amp;I of SFM.</p> <p>Conduct studies and disseminate best practices on governance and decentralization in the forest sector</p>	<p>Promote the use of the updated the set of C&amp;I of SFM</p> <p>Promote the use of best practices on governance and decentralization in the forest sector</p>	
Land tenure, ownership of	Conduct a study on good practices	Promoting good practices in rights	

environmental services and use rights and its implications in adapting to and mitigating climate change	in rights based approaches to promote SFM in addressing climate change (including customary, communities and small-farmers rights)	based approaches to promote SFM in addressing climate change (including customary, communities and small-farmers rights)	
Communal forest tenure regime and traditional management systems of indigenous peoples and traditional communities are effective strategies for preventing deforestation and degradation	Include traditional sustainable management and community forest management as a means for addressing climate change in the forthcoming ConferenceXXXX and disseminate its results	Recognize and support the demarcation and titling of community forest territories and promote and protect traditional sustainable management practices  Promote community forest management that are also effective strategies for preventing deforestation and degradation	

**1 Overview of regional issues related to SFM and climate change** (half-page or less)

- - ITTO
  - World Bank
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**2. 3–6 key issues to be considered in the framework of ITTO and other forums** (use discussion points provided in guidelines as a starting point)

- 1) Key issue 1
- 2) Key issue 2
- 3) Key issue 3
- 4) Key issue 4

5) Key issue 5

### **3 Recommendations**

- 1) For governments
- 2) For ITTO
- 3) For others (including regional institutions and forums)