



COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

WORKING GROUP ON DRYLAND FOREST AND AGROSILVOPASTORAL SYSTEM

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DRAFT WORK PLAN of the WORKING GROUP FOR 2019-2021

1. The Committee on Forestry in its 23rd session suggested a set of activities for the Working Group on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems as described in Item 1.c of this meeting. The set of activities included in the Terms of Reference of the Working Group can be categorised in three main work areas: (1) advanced assessment and monitoring of dryland forest and agrosilvopastoral systems; (2) enhancing partnership collaboration for scaling up good and proven practices and lessons learnt on dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems; (3) strengthening the knowledge based on implementation, strategies, guidelines and tools.
2. The Committee on Forestry also recommended that the Working Group facilitate informed decision-making and policy development on dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems¹.
3. The draft working plan in Annex 1 of this document is developed based on these recommendations and recent FAO work on dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems.
4. Efforts need to be made at national, regional and international levels to mobilize adequate extra-budgetary funding for carrying out this work plan.
5. The Working Group may wish to:
 - a) Provide guidance for further development of this work plan, taking into account the extra-budgetary funding needed to implement it;
 - b) Call upon its Steering Committee and the Secretariat to finalize the draft work plan, taking into consideration the inputs provided by members and observers;
 - c) Help identify extra-budgetary financial resources and partners to implement the work plan; and

¹ COFO/2016/7.3

- d) Call upon its Steering Committee, in close collaboration with the eleven countries that are part of GEF-7 Sustainable Forest Management on Dryland Landscapes Impact Programme, to:
 - (i) Coordinate closely with the Steering Committee of the Impact Programme;
 - (ii) Support the implementation of the Impact Programme at global and regional levels;
- e) Consider and approve the report of the Steering Committee of the Impact Programme, as stipulated in paragraph 136 of the Programme Framework Document, approved by the GEF Council at its 56th Meeting on 11-13 June 2019; and
- f) Request its Secretariat to disseminate the lessons learnt of the implementation of the Impact Programme to promote scaling-up of the adoption of good practices for the protection, sustainable management and restoration of dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems that enhance environmental and socio-economic resilience and sustainable livelihoods.

Annex 1: Draft Work Plan of the Working Group on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems for 2019-2021

Work Areas	Activities
1. Advanced assessment and monitoring of dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems	1.1 Provide advice to improve data collection and analysis for dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems.
	1.2 Produce, supported by FAO, an assessment on the presumed drylands, including case studies contributed by members of the Working Group.
	1.3 Support and provide expertise to the third Dryland Forest Monitoring Week to enhance capacity building on monitoring and management of dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems.
2. Enhancing partnership collaboration for scaling-up good and proven practices and lessons learnt on dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems	2.1 Promote and share further lessons learnt of the implementation of the GEF-7 Impact Programme to promote the scaling-up of the adoption of good practices for the protection, sustainable management and restoration of dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems.
	2.2 Provide guidance on the knowledge and outreach activities of the GEF-7 Impact Programme to ensure that the knowledge and impact are disseminated to other countries regions beyond the Impact Programme.
	2.3 Support producing a guideline on Dryland forest and agrosilvopastoral systems and fire management
3. Strengthening the knowledge based on implementation, strategies, guidelines and tools	3.1 Support the testing of the Dryland Restoration Initiative Platform (DRIP) tool and linking it with Land Degradation Neutrality targets.
	3.2 Provide guidance periodically to the implementation of the GEF-7 Impact Programme at national, regional, and global levels.
	3.3 Producing working paper on Dryland forest and agrosilvopastoral systems and the Restoration and UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.