

# STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## A proposal by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests for a coordinated forest-sector response to climate change

The *CPF Strategic Framework for Forest and Climate Change* document is intended as a resource for policymakers on climate change and forests. It puts forward a case for the strategic role of sustainable forest management (SFM) in achieving long-term climate change mitigation and as a robust and flexible framework for effective adaptation to climate change. It presents what is intended to be a living concept of cooperation that will be enriched over time. It should help pave the road to the pivotal 15th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and to the 8th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

Through the *Strategic Framework on Forests and Climate Change*, CPF aspires to “put matters in perspective” by showing how forests, when sustainably managed, can play a positive role in climate change mitigation and adaptation. As part of the framework, CPF conveys the following key messages:

**Message 1: Sustainable forest management provides an effective framework for forest-based climate change mitigation and adaptation**

**Message 2: Forest-based climate change mitigation and adaptation measures should proceed concurrently**

**Message 3: Inter-sectoral collaboration, economic incentives, and the provision of alternative livelihoods are essential for reducing deforestation and forest degradation**

**Message 4: Capacity-building and governance reforms are urgently required**

**Message 5: Accurate forest monitoring and assessment helps informed decision making but requires greater coordination at all levels**

**Message 6: CPF members are committed to a collaborative and comprehensive approach to forest-based climate change mitigation and adaptation**

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The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) is a voluntary arrangement of 14 major forest-related international organizations, institutions and secretariats. They all have substantial programmes on forests and they work together to support the implementation of internationally agreed actions and SFM, for the benefit of people and the environment.

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