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Addressing global challenges from a Latin American perspective: Joining efforts to develop capacities and raise awareness for an integrated management of agriculture and natural resources

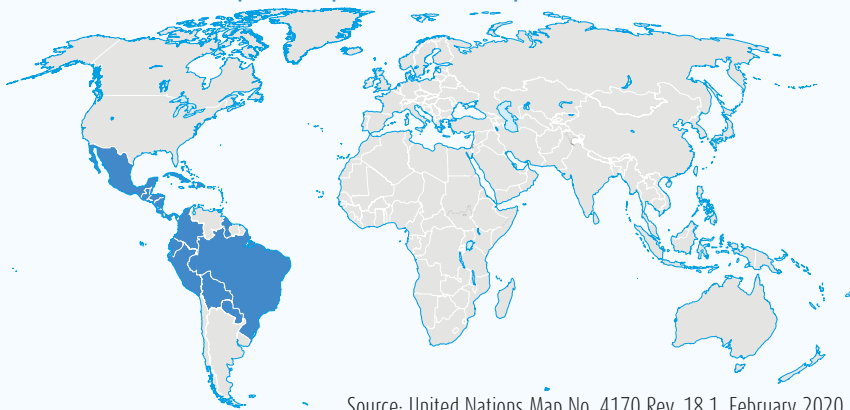
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The objective of the collaboration between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the *Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE)* is to promote food security by strengthening capacities and raising awareness on sustainable management of agricultural, forest, and natural resources for addressing global challenges.

MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITIES:

- Forestry and agroforestry;
- Climate change;
- Watershed management;
- Sustainable livestock production;
- Gender;
- Development and environmental economics;
- Territorial approaches;
- Value chains and agribusiness.

■ Countries where the partnership activities were implemented



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PARTNERSHIP MILESTONES

- 2014** Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2014
- 2017** Memorandum of Understanding renewed in 2017
- 2020** Memorandum of Understanding renewed in 2020

CONTRIBUTING TO



KEY RESULTS

01 | Disseminating knowledge and raising awareness

The collaboration between the partners has been promoting the development of several publications.

In 2018, FAO and CATIE collaborated on the publication of four country studies focusing on synergies between “forest law enforcement, governance and trade” (FLEGT) and the efforts to “reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries” (REDD+) to strengthen forest governance in Panama, Colombia, **Guatemala**, and Honduras.

In 2020, a regional study on Latin America and the Caribbean was published. The study focused on technologies for monitoring the impacts and carbon emissions of forest use and the traceability of wood from natural forests.

In 2021, other publications included a series of case studies targeting the analysis of experiences in independent forest monitoring and the related inputs for good forest governance in Honduras, Panama, Peru as well as a comparative analysis between the three countries.

Furthermore, in 2020 and 2021, both parties collaborated for the publication of six theses by CATIE researchers.

The theses published in 2020 focused on a case study in Petén, Guatemala on **community forestry and contribution to the SDGs: The case of the forestry concessions**; on **strengthening forestry governance in Choco Putamayo and Cauca in Colombia**; and on **communication and visibility in forestry governance and responsible commerce of legal wood products with the FAO EU FLEGT programme in Honduras and Colombia**.

In 2021, the theses published targeted several topics: **Reforestation dynamics between 1992-2017 in the Darien region in Panama as a result of the forest incentive law; impacts of forest policies on governance and forest management in Panama**; and **experiences on forest governance strengthening and its contributions to the Voluntary Partnership Agreement with the European Union in Honduras**.

02 | Developing capacities

Among their activities, FAO and CATIE also collaborate to strengthen the capacities of Latin American practitioners at the national and regional levels on topics such as sustainable management of tropical forests, and land, agroforestry, climate change adaptation, and mitigation in the context of food security.

As part of capacity development activities targeting forest management topics, the parties implemented in 2019 the II International course on community forestry in the locality of Petén, Guatemala. Further collaborations included the signature of a Letter of Agreement (LoA) to allow 197 participants from Latin American countries to attend the XXXI (2019), XXXII (2020), and XXXIII (2021) International Courses on Forest Management: Governance and Legality in Latin America and Caribbean Tropics.

In 2020, the parties established an additional LoA for the “Evaluation of policies, policy instruments, and systematization of projects of the FAO EU FLEGT Programme in Latin America”. The objective of the LoA was to fund the development of three thesis under the framework of Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade activities to develop a systematization of experiences on forest governance in FLEGT countries.

LOOKING FORWARD

As part of the current collaboration, FAO and CATIE are focusing their efforts to continue developing the capacities and research skills of forest practitioners.

The parties are developing new courses and other opportunities to capacitate professionals on topics such as sustainable forest and watershed management, sustainable practices for natural resources management, and the development of restoration measurements.

In this light, 66 scholarships should be granted to Latin American participants to attend the XXXIII International course on “Diversified Forest Management, Governance and Legality in the American Tropics”.

In 2022, three theses will be published on the participation on forest policy reforms in Guatemala and Honduras; improving gender and social inclusions through projects financed by the FAO EU FLEGT programme in Honduras and Colombia; and improving capacities of Forest MSMEs for legal compliance in Guatemala, Honduras and Colombia.

The parties are collaborating for the implementation of the “first international specialization course in forest and wildlife supervision and sanctioning authority”. The course will have a focus on Latin American experiences in promoting the sustainable use of forest and wildlife heritage. Finally, the two organizations are collaborating to systematize experiences focusing on forest governance and the legal marketing of forest and non-wood forest products, and to develop joint research studies, advocacy activities to raise awareness and the dissemination of knowledge including the submission of project proposals to the Green Climate Fund.

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AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The partnership between FAO and CATIE targets issues related to the integrated management of agriculture, forest, and natural resources, including the implementation of voluntary guidelines. The development of technical capacities, as well as joint applied research studies, activities to raise awareness and the generation and dissemination of knowledge are part of the activities that have been implemented in the framework of this collaboration.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CATIE

CATIE is a regional center dedicated to research and graduate education with a clear action plan for creating professionals, specialized in areas such as , forest, and the management, conservation and sustainable use of natural resources. Its members include Latin American countries and States, and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).