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# Planted forests in FAO actions for climate and development

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# Planted forests in FAO Forestry

- FAO Forestry works to balance the social, economic and environmental objectives by providing:
  - Neutral forum for policy dialogue
  - Reliable information on forests and trees
  - Expert technical assistance and advice for countries
- Planted forests, a dedicated work program in the Forest Resources Management Team
  - Forestry Officer
  - Normative Work (guidelines, reference texts)
  - Collaboration with regional and international networks
  - Backstopping to field projects and other initiatives within FAO
  - Secretariat of the International Poplar Commission (IPC)



# Relevant international commitments

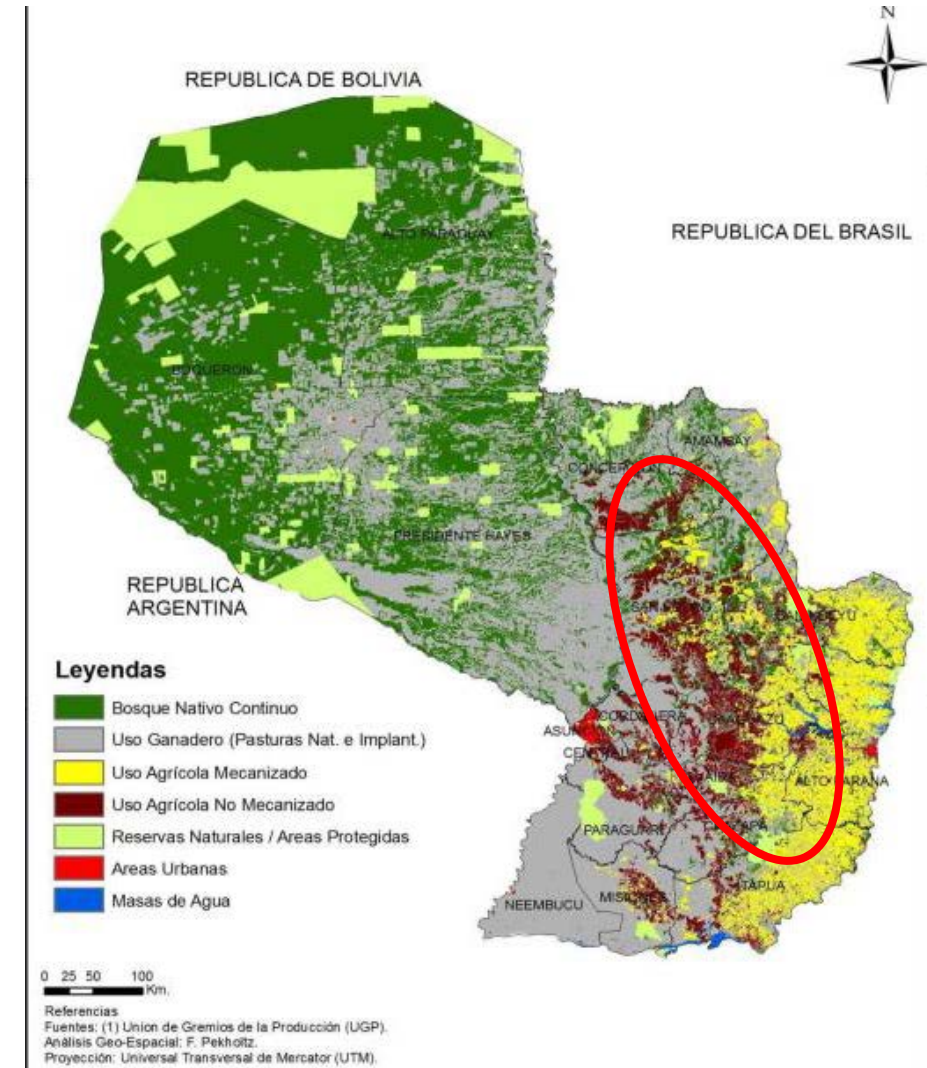
- **Paris Agreement on Climate Change (2015)**
  - Recognition of the role of forests (article 5).
  - Planted forests figure in NDCs.
- **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015)**
  - Universal, global commitment
  - Forests and trees (incl. planted forests) matter
- **Bonn Challenge Initiative (2011)**
  - To restore 150 million ha by 2020, and 200 million ha more by 2030.



# Examples of FAO actions

# Poverty, Reforestation, Energy and Climate Change Project (PROEZA)

- 2018-2023, 118.6 MUSD (GCF: 44.5 MUSD)
- Objective: to improve the resilience of 30,000 households in Eastern Paraguay.
- Project components:
  1. **“Planting for the future”** (agroforestry, CTNPF)
  2. **“Sustainable Landscapes and Responsible Markets”** (NGP, natural forest regeneration)
  3. **“Good Governance and Law Enforcement”**



# Forest and Landscape Restoration (1/2)

## a) Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) Mechanism

- Facilitating **country-led processes** for wide-scale restoration of degraded lands
- To meet **Bonn Challenge/CBD Aichi targets** and regional targets: 20x20 in Latin America, AFR100 in Africa...

## b) EU-ACP Action Against Desertification (41M euros)

- To improve and restore and restore the productivity of agrosilvopastoral landscapes and improve people's livelihoods
- Field interventions with communities in 8 ACP countries





# Forest and Landscape Restoration (2/2)

- Mediterranean forests, vulnerable to CC impacts
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Forest Week, March 2017: “**Agadir Commitment**”
- **Voluntary commitment by 9 countries:** Algeria, France, Iran, Lebanon, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey
- **Objective:** *to improve, on a voluntary basis, forest and landscape restoration, land degradation neutrality, and biodiversity conservation efforts in the Mediterranean region*



**Agadir Commitment**

“We, the participants to the high level segment of the fifth Mediterranean Forest Week held in Agadir, Morocco, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, have taken note of the strategic orientations arising out of the 5<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Forest Week regarding major issues concerning Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR), Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) and biodiversity conservation.

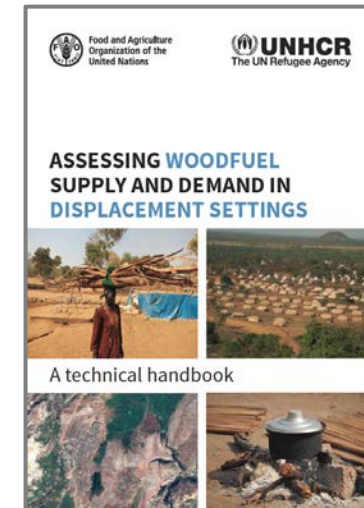
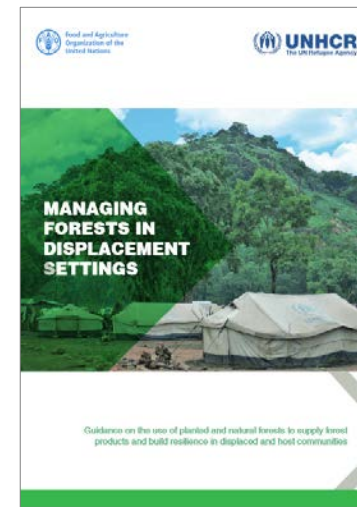
**Noting the major contribution of Forest and Landscape Restoration to the effective implementation of actions towards achieving global commitments made by Mediterranean countries** within the framework of the Rio Conventions, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF):

- The achievement of the objectives set by the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as well as the Marrakech Action Proclamation for our climate and sustainable development adopted at the COP 22 that emphasized climate change adaptation efforts and reaffirmed the commitment for a complete implementation of the Paris Agreement,
- The achievement of the objectives on LDN, set by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD),



# Planted forests for resilience in displacement settings

- 65 million displaced people worldwide in 2016 (+50% than 2012)
- More than 20 years duration of major protracted refugee situations
- 80% of displaced people rely on fuelwood for cooking and heating
- Impacts of displacement settings include severe pressure on forests
- FAO & UNHCR forestry interventions:
  - **Assessments of woodfuel supply and demand**  
(2017: Uganda Bidibidi settlement ; 2017-18: Djibouti)
  - **Assess alternative options, including reforestation**  
(2018: Bidibidi settlement, Uganda)
  - **Guidance documents**





# Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW)

- To strengthen **sustainable wood value chains** to enhance their social, economic and environmental benefits from production to consumption.
- Joint Initiative of the CPF
- Duration: four years (July 2018 – July 2022)
- Steering Committee: FAO, CIFOR, ITTO, World Bank and WWF
- Session proposed for 4<sup>th</sup> ICPF in Beijing, China : “**Barriers and opportunities to realising the full value of planted forests**”

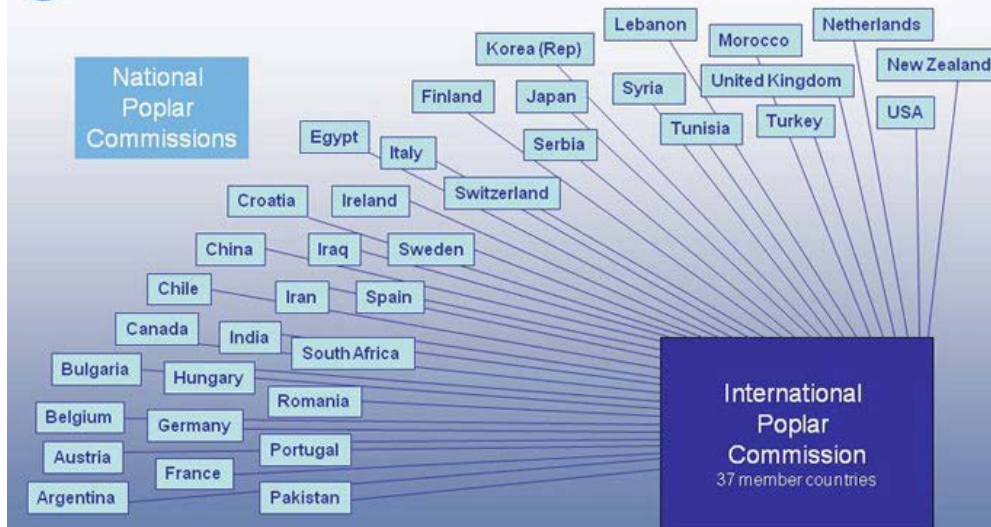


# International Poplar Commission (1947)

- To promote the cultivation, conservation and utilization of poplars and willows of the Salicaceae family.
- Secretariat hosted by FAO Forestry.
- 38 member countries.
- Reform launched in 2012 ; vote during COFO 2018.



## IPC Member Countries



# Planted forests in Forest Resources Assessment 2020

GFRA 2020 categories
Naturally regenerating forest (a)
Planted forest (b)
Plantation forest
<i>... of which introduced species</i>
Other planted forest
<b>TOTAL FOREST AREA (a+b)</b>

- In FRA 2020, plantation forest reported as its own category, even sub-divided into indigenous and introduced species.
- In FRA 2015, planted forest was reported as single category, without further division to plantations.

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- There is strong **demand for seizing the multi-functionality potential** of planted forests for the **resilience of rural landscapes and livelihoods**.
  - *Integration of climate and development objectives*
  - *Integrated territorial management (landscape approach)*
- **Biodiversity considerations** are gaining additional attention in FAO
  - *FAO Platform to mainstreaming Biodiversity in agricultural sectors*
  - *Topic at upcoming FAO Committee on Forestry, July 2018*







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