



SCOPING MEETING MINUTES

On the 6th and 7th of March 2024, members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), GFEP donors and selected scientists from different disciplines virtually convened for a scoping meeting with the members of the of IUFRO's Science-Policy Programme (SciPol) from 15:00 to 17:30 CET.

The aim of the meeting was to introduce the concept, objectives, and procedure of the new GFEP assessment on Forests for Social and Economic Resilience and to discuss the scope and thematic outline of the assessment.

Discussions on the first day focused on clarification of concepts and explanation of formal procedures, as well as on defining the scope and the thematic elements of the assessment.

The agreed thematic elements are:

- Resilience definitions and concepts, positive and negative aspects of resilience
- Resilience as paradigm in forest and wider landscape management
- Different dimensions of the positive and negative relationships between forests and social and economic resilience
- Drivers of vulnerability
- Synergies and trade-offs
- Measurement of resilience
- Institutional resilience and adaptive capacity of forest governance institutions at different scales
- Analysis of the policy context, including governance frameworks, and identification of response options at various levels

On the second day, the following draft outline for the assessment was developed, encompassing the scope defined in the previous day and including the main aspects of the topic considering a multidisciplinary point of view:

- **Preface**
- **Acknowledgements**
- **List of Acronyms and Abbreviations**
- **Introduction**
 - Rationale and objectives
 - Definitions related to forests and resilience
 - Scope of the assessment
 - Chapter synopsis
- **Framing Chapter**
 - Conceptual issues
 - Theoretical framework
 - Drivers of vulnerability
 - Resilience as paradigm in forest and landscape management
- **Relationships Between Forests and Social and Economic Resilience**
 - Positive and negative relationships between forests and social and economic resilience
 - Synergies and trade-offs
 - External factors impacting resilience and risk management
 - Attributes and assets enhancing resilience
- **Assessing Resilience**
 - General vs. specific resilience
 - Indicators and criteria for resilience
 - Approaches to assessing and quantifying resilience
- **Governance and Institutional Analysis**
 - Attitudes and values in the context of transformative change
 - Institutional resilience and analysis of governance frameworks, adaptive capacity of forest governance institutions
 - Analysis of the policy context, incentives and enforcement of policies, including financing and trade policies
- **Response Options**
 - Synthesis of benefits of forests for social and economic resilience
 - Identification of response options at various levels
- **Conclusions**
 - Key messages
 - Knowledge gaps
- **Appendices to the report**
 - Glossary of terms and definitions
 - List of panel members, authors, and reviewers

Cross-cutting:

- Issues of scale and feedbacks
- Cross-sectoral aspects
- Equity and gender

The outcomes of the scoping meeting are the basis to develop the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the assessment. The ToR establish the procedures to which the participants of the assessment will adhere, and includes the outline defined during the second day of the meeting. This outline not only reflects the different backgrounds of the scientists present, but also the additional fields of expertise that according to the scientists present, may be required to produce a comprehensive assessment on the topic.

At the end of the meeting a tentative schedule for the assessment was discussed and participating scientists were asked to recommend colleagues from all regions and disciplines, who could cover the expertise needed in study.

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