

Establishing of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Strategic Planning Network – Strategy Note

Background

Forestry strategic planning is a vital policymaking process for laying out the long-term direction of forest management. Ideas to develop a program in APFNet on forestry strategic planning originated in 2013 during the Workshop on Forestry Strategic Planning in the Asia-Pacific Region in New Zealand, with ideas on the program further developed at a second workshop in 2014 in Cambodia. The **goal** of such a program is to strengthen the development and implementation of forestry strategies and master plans in APFNet member economies.

In 2016, the Secretariat is working to move forward with establishing and implementing the program's strategy and work plan.

Proposed framework

It is proposed that the program be established as a network (specifically the ***Asia-Pacific Forestry Strategic Planning Network (APFSPN)***), with members composed of representatives from APFNet member economies who are responsible for developing forestry guiding policies, strategies and master plans in their respective economies.

To ensure that the strategic development, activities and technical interventions of the network are in line with regional needs, priorities and opportunities, it is proposed that a **working group** be formed to act as the consultative body of the APFSPN, and be responsible for providing key input to developing the strategies and work plans of the network. Members of the working group should be individuals who are: 1) experienced in forestry strategic planning, 2) available to commit to a consultative role in guiding the network's plans and activities, and 3) those who share similar motivations with the network's goals to strengthen forestry strategic planning in the region.

Main functions of the APFSPN

The main functions of the APFSPN are outlined as follows:

1. **To serve as a network for policymakers responsible for forestry strategy development** - in fostering relationships, creating bilateral and joint linkages, strengthening the mutual interpretation of forestry strategies and goals among APFNet member economies, and sharing experience and knowledge.
2. **To act as an information hub** – by creating and sharing publications, knowledge products and case studies; conducting regional forestry strategy analyses; and developing and maintaining an up-to-date regional forestry strategy library.
3. **To carry out technical interventions** – including bilateral and joint activities in the form of study tours and study visits, capacity building workshops on specific topics, and other technical assistance activities as identified by the working group.

Five year general strategy

The general objectives and activities foreseen in the first five years of establishing the network are as follows:

Timeframe	Objectives	Activities	Inputs and outputs
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish network members and working group • Initiate draft technical work plan to identify specific activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult Council (May 2016), identify suitable contacts • Initiate contact with potential members, expand contact list • Conduct needs and feasibility assessment (telephone interviews and surveys) • Form initial member list • Organize first network meeting and form working group (or beginning of year 2) 	<p>Inputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback and contact suggestions from Council • Feedback collected from needs and feasibility assessment • Feedback and discussions from first network and working group meetings <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief report of outcomes from needs and feasibility assessment • List of network and working group members • Report on discussions from first network and working group meetings • Initial draft of technical work plan
Years 2 to 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and maintain library of strategic plans from member economies • Develop and implement technical work plans (e.g. capacity building workshops, bilateral and joint activities) • Conduct regular network and working group meetings (annually or every two years); maintain close contact with working group • Identify and form partnerships • Conduct regional analyses and produce regional knowledge products (e.g. best practice cases, forest strategic planning toolkit) • Integrate evaluation and monitoring procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize network and working group meetings • Develop and implement annual technical work plans • Collect and streamline forestry strategic plans • Implement technical interventions such as capacity building workshops and regional studies (as identified in work plans) • Develop and implement an evaluation and monitoring plan 	<p>Inputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions at network and working group meetings • Any technical studies, research and analyses <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual reports, strategies and work plans • Forestry strategic plans from member economies • Analysis papers and publications, regional products • Reports on technical activities • Reports on evaluation and monitoring

Other considerations

Ensuring alignment with regional needs and priorities

Principle to the strategy of the APFSPN is to provide a platform for members to discuss and identify technical interventions and activities. In this light, the role of the APFNet Secretariat is seen to be more of a coordinative nature, to gather relevant and motivated individuals to foster relationships, form linkages and agree on technical activities under the network.

To initiate this process, the purpose of the needs and feasibility assessment survey in year 1 will be to establish contact with potential network members, identify other potential members and obtain their contacts, scope out interest in the APFSPN, and collect feedback on priorities, needs and challenges at the economy level.

The survey will collect feedback on areas including:

- The state of the current forestry strategies;
- The key stakeholders involved in developing and implementing forestry strategies;
- The biggest gaps and challenges in developing or implementing forestry strategies;
- Feedback on regional economies with similar contexts in terms of forestry strategy development, implementation, challenges and opportunities;
- Feedback on the proposed framework of the APFSPN;

Forming partnerships

From the onset of establishing the network, the Secretariat will identify and form partnerships that can add strategic and technical value to the network. Potential partners may be regional or international organizations that support in providing strategic input, delivering technical activities and providing experts and resource persons.

Input requested from the Council

As part of the first step in establishing the network, the Secretariat requests feedback from the Council on whether the contacts listed in **Annex A** are appropriate for membership in the APFSPN and propose any additional contacts to the form in **Annex B**.

Annex A: Combined list of participants to the 2013 workshop in New Zealand and 2014 workshop in Cambodia

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Annex B: Form for proposing new contacts

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