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# Forests for Food Security and Nutrition:

Follow-up to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee  
on World Food Security

**Agenda Item 5.4**



# INTRODUCTION

- **41<sup>st</sup> Session of CFS (2014) requested the HLPE to conduct a study on “Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition”**
- **HLPE report served as the basis for Policy Convergence Process on this topic for the 44th Session of the CFS in October 2017.**
- **CFS44:**
  - **adopted the report of the Policy Convergence Process and its policy recommendations**
  - **encouraged it to be forwarded to relevant policy bodies including COAG and COFO**



# KEY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

## 1 Acknowledge the importance of, raise awareness on, and encourage strengthening of the role of forests and trees to the four dimensions of FSN

- Ecosystem services to support agricultural production
- Traditional practices
- Contributions to livelihoods and sustainable development



# KEY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

## 2

### Develop and use policy-relevant knowledge and data on the direct and indirect contributions of forests and trees to FSN

- Capacity development and information provision
- Recognition of traditional knowledge
- Disaggregated data collection on wild foods and other forest products
- Research on neglected and underutilized species and genetic resources



# KEY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

## 3

Develop, implement and monitor policies for integrated agriculture and forest management for improved and sustainable FSN

Recommendations to **STATES**:

- Integrated approaches through cross-sectoral coordination
- Policy, institutional and financial support to integration
- Tackling gender disparities
- Enhancing access to nutritionally important forest food for indigenous peoples, communities and smallholders
- Promoting forest conservation, regeneration of native forests, restoration and agroforestry



# KEY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

## Continued: Recommendations to all **STAKEHOLDERS**:

- Increased investment in research to upscale best practices for adaptive landscape management
- Promotion of nutrition-sensitive approaches
- Technical support, extension and training to vulnerable stakeholders and responsible public and private investments
- Coherence between agricultural productivity and forest conservation
- Mainstreaming gender equality and women's empowerment
- Low-carbon, renewable energy schemes for FSN in sustainable forest management plans

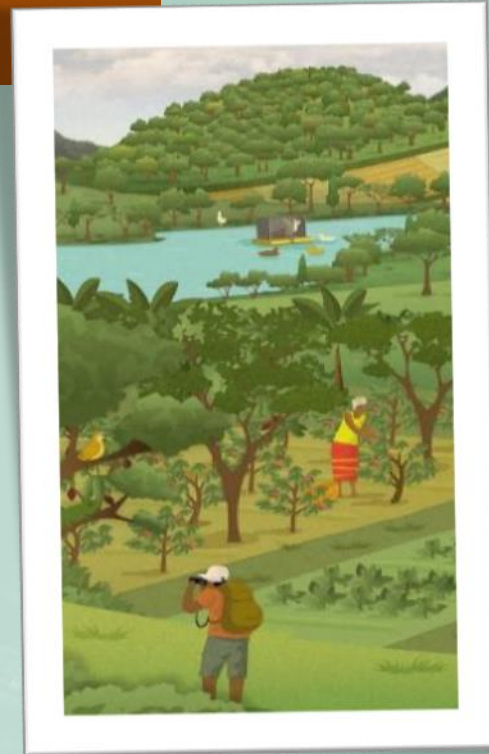


# KEY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

## 4

Promote the implementation of the voluntary guidelines on the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security and the voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries, and forests in the context of national food security (VGGT)

- Promoting policies, legislation and programmes based on VGGT
- Facilitating access to markets and sustainable use of forests/trees
- Applying Responsible Agricultural Investment principles



# POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

In view of the importance of sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition as highlighted by the CFS, **the Committee may wish to:**

- Recognize that the sustainable management of forests is essential for achieving SDG 2
- Endorse the policy recommendations of the CFS on sustainable forestry for FSN





# POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Committee may wish to invite countries to:

- strengthen the role of forests and trees in achieving FSN
- improve data collection and strengthen capacities to generate knowledge
- promote policy coherence between land use sectors
- ensure forest tenure rights of local communities and indigenous peoples for the realization of their right to adequate food



# POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

**The Committee may wish to request FAO to:**

- **compile and disseminate best practices on policy coherence**
- **support countries to:**
  - **develop cross-sectoral policies integrating forests, agriculture and FSN**
  - **strengthen the capacity of government institutions and of local communities to integrate FSN objectives into SFM**
  - **monitor and collect data and information on forest management practices that contribute to FSN**





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