

## **Summary of side event on Forests, Rangelands and Climate Change Adaptation in Southern Africa at the 19th AFWC**

### ***Objectives***

The objectives of the side event were i) to present the draft Programme Framework Document (PFD) and provide an opportunity for the SADC member states to discuss it together; and ii) to present a new publication on forests, rangelands and climate change adaptation in Southern Africa, which provided useful background information for the June workshop and the preparation of the PFD.

The agenda was composed of three components: i) welcome remarks by FAO, SADC, South Africa and Madagascar, ii) presentations of the publication and the PFD, and iii) general discussion of the PFD and the way forward. Please see annex I for details of the participants.

### ***Welcome remarks***

The side event began with welcome remarks from FAO, SADC, South Africa and Madagascar. Mr. Rene Czudek (FAO) welcomed participants and provided the background of the initiative with the workshop held in South Africa in June 2013 and the outcomes of the workshop resulting in a draft program document framework.

Mr. Moses Chakanga, (SADC secretariat), provided some additional remarks to the background of the initiative, and SADC's key interest in working on adaptation, as no initiative at SADC level at the moment are engaging in adaptation.

Dr. Motete (South Africa) highlighted the clear and important role of forests and rangelands in South Africa and the many impacts of climate change in South Africa. Dr. Motete underlined the need for the forest and rangelands sectors to become more proactive for finding funding opportunities such as the proposed initiative on Forests, Rangelands and Climate Change Adaptation in Southern Africa. Dr. Motete furthermore highlighted the fact that different departments/ministries were often not communicating, and in the case of the proposed project and the funding source being GEF, often located in the Ministries of Environment, there was a need for the forestry sector to engage more active.

Mr. Randrianarisoa Manganirina (Madagascar) welcomed the initiative and highlighted the importance of the workshop process and the information provided by participating countries on forests, rangelands and climate change adaptation in their respective countries. Mr. Manganirina provided some examples of ongoing activities in Madagascar with relevance to the project such as extension of the mangrove area, reforestation activities and a fire management programme.

### ***Presentations***

The side event continued with a presentation of the newly published report: ‘‘ Forests, Rangelands and Climate Change in Southern Africa’’ which partly served as a background document for the

workshop held in June, 2013. The presentation was followed by one on the draft PFD presenting the main outlines of the proposed project and the proposed time line. Please see Annex II for the time line.

### ***Discussion***

The participants were invited to provide their inputs and suggestions to the PFD, the general scope of the project, the time line and ongoing activities with relevance to the proposed project.

Mr. Gamedze (Swaziland) opened the discussion by sharing information on ongoing projects in Swaziland with relevance to the proposed project such as livestock and cropping systems, irrigation and agroforestry. Mr. Gamedze briefed participants about a GEF project on sustainable land management which contained a forestry component. Other relevant projects and programmes included Fire management (FAO), protective corridor management (GEF). A climate change strategy is in the process of being developed and the need for validating the strategy was highlighted. Mr. Gamedze welcomed the project idea and found it addressed Swaziland's needs well. The GEF OFP for Swaziland is situated in the Ministry of Tourism. Mr. Gamedze highlighted an ongoing conflict in Swaziland on forestry and rangeland issues concerning grazing for livestock and that there was a need for the proposed project to integrate such issues.

Mr. Elias Sekaleli (Lesotho) highlighted that the initiative was addressing the needs of Lesotho well. Mr. Sekaleli shared information on ongoing activities in Lesotho concerning afforestation and watershed protection. The need for involving small scale forest industries was highlighted as a key component for Lesotho. The budget envisioned for each country in the project, was mentioned to be too large for Lesotho.

Mr. Maxwell Phiri (Zimbabwe) welcomed the initiative and stressed that the subject of climate change in Zimbabwe often has been treated as a rhetoric question and thus with this initiative there was a possibility for a constructive approach. Mr. Phiri shared information of ongoing activities in Zimbabwe with relevance to the project such as conservation agriculture which was highlighted as a key component to integrate in the proposed project. Fire management and a newly developed climate change response strategy were as well raised as important ongoing activities. Mr. Phiri highlighted the need for the project to build on existing activities and harmonize efforts.

Mrs. Keodirile Gaebuse (Botswana) raised the issue of climate change being an important constraint in Botswana and stressed that the project initiative was adequately addressing Botswana's needs. It was highlighted that a multi sectorial consultation was needed in order to ensure that all facets of Botswana was reflected in the PFD activities, such as the Ministry of Agriculture.

Mrs. Gaebuse shared information of an ongoing project on alien invasive species in collaboration with IUCN and the restoration of degraded lands. It was highlighted that these ongoing activities were important to integrate in the proposed project on forests, rangelands and climate change adaptation.

Mr. Valentine Msusa (Tanzania) welcomed the initiative and shared information on relevant activities in Tanzania such as forest degradation and climate change which is addressed by a range of ongoing projects and organizations amongst them NGOs working at local levels. Among those there were 12 ongoing projects highlighted as very relevant. Other projects identified were the ongoing FAO support through the NAFORMA project. Mr. Valentine Msusa raised the issue of encroachment of forest resources and livestock production with the issues of forests being converted to rangelands. Mr. Msusa also highlighted the fragmentation of departments and the need for better collaboration.

### ***Closing remarks***

The time line was discussed and agreed upon by participants. Please refer to Annex 2 for further details. Mr. Czudek (FAO) thanked the participants for their suggestions and inputs and provided closing remarks on the follow up of the side event and the future work on integrating more detailed information from participating countries into the PFD.

## ANNEX 1 List of participants

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## ANNEX 1 Time line

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Actors</b>
30 September – 4 October 2013	Meeting of countries for discussion of the proposed project at the African Forest and Wildlife Commission meeting in Namibia	FAO, SADC and countries
End of October 2013	Comments provided to Kulima (consultants)	Participating countries
1 November 2013	Final draft of PFD provided to FAO	Kulima (consultants)
November 2013	Internal FAO review completed	FAO (GEF unit)
November 2013 -June 2014	PFD review and endorsements made by participating countries	Participating countries
July 2014 latest	PFD finalized and submitted to GEF Secretariat	FAO
July – September 2014	Review by GEF Sec and incorporation of comments	GEF Secretariat/FAO
November 2014	Review of PFD by GEF Council	GEF
December 2015	Preparation/completion of the regional project document and individual	FAO