

Third Meetings of the APFNet Council and Board of Directors

23 and 26 March 2017 Colombo, Sri Lanka

Proposed APFNet work plan 2017

No.	Activity	Actions /Implementation approaches	Timing	Expected results/ outcomes
1. Institutional development				
1.1	Consultation and decision making for APFNet 2017	Conduct Third meetings of Council and Board of Directors	23-26, Mar.	1. APFNet work regularly reported, monitored and assessed; 2. Decisions, recommendation and suggestions made to direct APFNet work 2017; 3. Communication with members and partners enhanced to explore cooperation; 4. Routine organizational work done for the 2 bodies in line with Rules of Procedures.
1.2	Selection and appoint of next Executive Director	Establish a selection committee within the Board to select final candidate and appoint next Executive Director	Apr.-Sept.	New ED takes office by September 2017.
1.3	Regional expansion of APFNet office(s)	Report research findings to Board for decision	Apr.-Dec.	Work initiated in line with Board's decision.
II. Partnership				
2.1	Collaboration on Regional workshop on Natural regeneration, (Guangxi, China)	1. Mobilize participants and speakers through APFNet network, 2. Coordinate the field trip to Experimental Center for Tropical Forest,	3 days, June	1. Awareness raised among policymakers and practitioners regarding the potential of natural generation in contributing to the achievement of forest restoration goals; 2. Experience shared in using natural regeneration as a tool for forest restoration;

		<p>3. Support the local logistic, 4. Participate in the development of workshop proceedings</p>		<p>3. Key issues related to restoring forestlands through natural regeneration discussed; 4. Barriers, gaps and opportunities for mainstreaming the application of natural regeneration identified; 5. Recommendations made on the way forward to promote the use of natural regeneration in regional and national restoration initiatives.</p>
2.2	Study tours for embassy people in Beijing	Invite embassy diplomats from APFNet member economies in Beijing to APFNet training bases/project sites	June and Oct.	<p>1. Showcase APFNet efforts in sustainable forest management, including rehabilitation 2. Enhance APFNet networking with its members</p>
III. Supporting regional policy dialogues				
3.1	Asia-Pacific Forestry Planning Network (FPN)	Conduct a baseline review, gap and needs assessment of forestry strategic planning in the Asia-Pacific region, led by expert and in consultation with FPN members	Apr.-Dec.	<p>1. Forestry strategic plans collected from FTP members as the starting point for a regional database (or similar knowledge platform); 2. Similarities and differences in approaches, challenges and priorities in forestry strategic planning well understood 3. Understanding increased on the gaps and needs in knowledge, skills and capacity in forestry strategic planning; and 4. Develop recommendations for FPN support.</p>

3.2	Third Great Central Asia (GCA) Strategic Cooperation workshop	Co-host the Workshop in Kyrgyzstan	3 days, June/July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information and experiences exchanged on best practices across the region in forestry management and desertification combating; 2. Needs and gaps identified and recommendations developed for the potential support for forestry in GCA region; 3. Possible actions and approaches of implementing the Astana Statement discussed and identified.
3.3	Cooperation on transboundary wildlife protection in GMS Region	Organize a regional workshop on transboundary wildlife protection in GMS Region	2-3 days, July/ Aug.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information exchanged among policy makers from national authorities on the topic; 2. Possibility explored for future actions to enhance regional cooperation.
IV. Projects				
Project planning and design				
4.1	Integrated Forest Ecosystem Management Planning and Demonstration in Greater Mekong Sub-region	Coordinate and help develop project proposal in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feasibility studies conducted in project sites, 2. Consultations made with relevant stakeholders in each economy, 3. Project proposals completed.
4.2	Demonstration project on Vegetation Rehabilitation and Forest Resources Management in Great Central Asia	Initiate and prepare for project design	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visits made to GCA economies to consult relevant stakeholders and project concept well understood, 2. Necessary information collected for the preparation of the project, 3. Concept notes developed.

4.3	Phase II of Innovative Sustainable Forest Management Education in the Asia-Pacific Region	Revise and complete project proposal	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project proposal revised based on comments from PAP 2. Project proposal finalized.
4.4	Rehabilitation and sustainable management of degraded forest by thinning and enrichment of nitrogen fixing species	Revise and complete project proposal	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project proposal revised based on comments from PAP 2. Project proposal finalized.
Project management				
4.5	Strengthening Urban Forestry Demonstration Site of Bang Kachao (Thailand) for Biodiversity Conservation and Natural Learning Center [2012P1/2-THA]	Establish a learning center for the visitors to Bang Kachao	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning center established and open to public, 2. Biodiversity information, attractions and ecotourism programs of Bang Kacha displayed to visitors, 3. Knowledge transferred and public awareness raised.
		Promote urban forestry education curriculum	Jan.-Dec.	1. Curriculum developed in the 1st project year proposed in local schools;
		Continue to promote ecotourism development	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marketing plan of ecotourism in Bang Kachao developed; 2. One training for tour guides organized for local communities 3. One workshop in biodiversity conservation and ecotourism organized for local school students

4.6	Sustainable Forest Management Project in Northern Provinces of Lao PDR [2014P1-ASEM]	Demonstrate effective approaches on forest restoration and forest management	Jan.-Dec.	1. Forest land use plan at district and village levels developed; 2. Best practice and approaches for forest restoration and rehabilitation demonstrated at selected plots
		Strengthen forest law enforcement, promoting trans-boundary cooperation on biodiversity conservation	Jan.-Dec.	Forest inspection system improved and cooperation on trans-boundary biodiversity conservation enhanced
		Enhance capacity of relevant stakeholders	Jan.-Dec.	Training courses and study tours organized for forestry officials and local communities respectively
4.7	Community-based Sustainable Forest Management of Sungai Medihit Watershed Sarawak, Malaysia [2015P4-MAS]	Continue to promote community forest management in project area	Jan.-Dec.	1. Community forest management plan developed; 2. Sustainable community forest management practices demonstrated in line with the plan
		Improve local livelihood	Jan.-Dec.	1. Activities on understory poultry raising, 2. Vegetable cultivation and fish raising conducted
4.8	Landscape Approach to Sustainable Management of Forests in Prek Thnot Watersheds [2015P1-KHM]	Improve knowledge and awareness	Jan.-Dec.	Knowledge and awareness of the target stakeholders on the concept of integrated Watershed Planning and the development issues in Prek Thnot Watershed that affect the forest-dependent communities improved through training and distribution of brochures.
		Promote integrated watershed landscape management	Jan.-Dec.	1. Integrated watershed landscape development plan for Prek Thnot Watershed developed; 2. Two demonstration sites on agroforestry established; 3. One forest-based community enterprise supported

4.9	Rehabilitation and Management of Degraded Forests in Beijing's Miyun Reservoir Watershed [2015P2-MY]	Manage 280 ha monoculture plantations of <i>Pinus tabuliformis</i> and <i>Platyclusus orientalis</i> of in 3 project sites in a close-to-nature approach	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Target trees identified 2. Crushing trees cut 3. Thinning and enrichment conducted
		Develop and promote eco-tourism activities to improve local livelihood	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ecotourism plan developed; 2. Tourism related infrastructures built; 3. Marketing conducted
		Improve capacity in managing forest and eco-tourism	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One training and one study tour on long-term sustainable forest management organized for forestry practitioners; 2. One training and one study tour on eco-tourism management organized for local communities
4.10	Supporting community based sustainable forest management and economic empowerment of Women in Central Region of Nepal [2013P4-NPL]	Promote sustainable community forest management	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Target trees identified 2. Crushing trees cut 3. Thinning and enrichment planting conducted
		Promote community forest-based mini enterprises	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sales center renovated 2. Marketing conducted
		Summarize best practices on sustainable community forest management and community forest-based mini enterprises with emphasis on women's economic empowerment	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Best practices summarized and compiled 2. Brochures published

4.11	Participatory Monitoring of Forest Cover Change in Mongolia [2015P5-MN]	Hold project conclusion meeting and outcomes dissemination workshop	Jan.-Apr.	<p>Following project outcomes disseminated to relevant stakeholders in Mongolia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantified forest cover data and maps during 2000-2014 of Mongolia - Maps of forest types of 2 pilot community forests - Improved of the forest management plans of the 2 pilot community forests
4.12	Adaptation of Asia-Pacific Forestry to Climate Change – Phase II [2015P7-UBC(II)]	Assess the impact of climate change on forest ecosystems, key species and vegetation types	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate nich model built; 2. Consensus projections generated using multiple climate change scenarios
		Evaluate adaptive forest ecosystem management strategies through model integration, development of indicators and trade-off analysis	Jan.-Dec.	A comprehensive analysis report developed
		Build web platform for data access and visualization for specific economies	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Web platform built 2. Web platform test run conducted 3. Web platform operated
4.13	Multifunction Forest Demonstration Sites–Phase II [2015P8-INM(II)]	Promote forest eco-tourism through facilities construction in project area	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A botanic garden of tree species constructed; 2. A forest therapy region constructed; 3. A forest education center constructed
4.14	Capacity Building Towards Effective Implementation of Sustainable Forest Management Practices in	Develop training and education packages to promote implementation of the Forest Management Plans and codes of practices	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training materials developed 2. Training activities conducted 3. A summary report of the training produced

	Fiji, Tonga and Niue [2015P3-SPC]	Develop enforcement strategies of the Forest Management Plans	Jan.-Dec.	Enforcement strategies of the Forest Management Plans submitted and approved by authorities
4.15	Development and Application of Standing Tree Carbon Equations in Thailand [2015P6-THA]	Develop methodology to construct new tree carbon equations	Jan.-Dec.	1. Methodology developed 2. Pilot-test of the methodology conducted
4.16	Inception and management of six projects approved in 2016 <i>(Detailed information attached)</i>	Projects inception and management	Jan.-Dec.	Six new projects launched for implementation
V. Capacity building				
5.1	APFNet scholarship program	Support and coordinate host universities		1. Up to 30 young forestry officials from APFNet member economies awarded for masters programs 2. Students enrolled in 2015 graduated
		Set up scholarship alumni network	Jan.-Dec.	1. Information on the scholarship alumni updated and maintained on APFNet website 2. Alumni regularly informed via APFNet newsletters and publications, and possibly involved in APFNet work

5.2	Thematic trainings	Conduct a training workshop for senior GCA officials on combating desertification and sustainable management of dryland ecosystems towards livelihood improvement	10 days, July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Success models and practices on combating desertification and ecosystem management shared and summarized; 2. Capacity of GCA senior officials enhanced, visions broadened; 3. Training manuals improved and released.
		Conduct a training course for officers and practitioners on combating desertification and industry development	10 days, September	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Success models and practices on combating desertification and ecosystem management shared and summarized; 2. Capacity of GCA officials enhanced, visions broadened; 3. Training manuals improved and released.
		Regular Training of Forest Rehabilitation and Management (Siem Reap, Cambodia)	24 Jul. - 4 Aug.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drivers, current issues/challenges and future scenarios related to workshops' topics analyzed; 2. Knowledge and skills of the participants in the formulation and implementation of forest rehabilitation and livelihood development programmes and projects enhanced; 3. Training outputs widely shared through workshop proceedings.
		Regular Training of Forestry and Rural Livelihood Development (Kunming City, Yunnan Province, China)	1-14 Nov.	
5.3	Trainers in Forestry (TIF)Network	Set up communication platform for TIF Network	Feb.-Mar.	Communication enhanced in the Network, and information on forestry HRD/training shared
		Conduct resources and needs assessment on forestry HRD in the region	Jan.-Dec.	HRD gaps assessed and well understood
		Organize a study tour on community forestry to Nepal (tentative)	One week, 3rd quarter	Knowledge and experience on the topic shared with participants
		Plan for next TIF Network meeting	Nov.-Dec.	Objectives, strategies and potential partners identified.

5.4	Asia-Pacific Forestry Education Coordination Mechanism	Supervise the Executive Office to promote forestry higher education internationally	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual work report and work plan reviewed and approved; 2. Membership of the Mechanism expanded; 3. SFM online course widely utilized; 4. Regional forestry education annual report released.
5.5	Early Career Academics Program (ECAP)	Organize a young forestry researchers' forum to launch the Program	2 days, 3rd quarter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Network of young forestry researchers set up; 2. A compilation of forum papers released to partners and stakeholders; 3. ECAP well designed and launched.
VI. Communication and information sharing				
6.1	APFNet media channel enhancement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renovated Official website 2. Create APFNet WeChat page 		APFNet better advertised, and knowledge transfer enhanced through existing and new media channels in an timely manner
6.2	Policy information sharing platform	Improve and maintain forestry database of Asia-Pacific region	Apr.-Dec.	Forestry strategies and policies collected and shared with members on APFNet website
6.3	Sharing of APFNet project outcomes and research findings	Publish the report on forest transition in Asia-Pacific economies: past experiences and future options	July	Report published to share results of APFNet-APAFRI project
		Publish Reports on forest development and best practices in Greater Central Asia	Jan.-July	Reports published to share forest development and best practices in Greater Central Asia
		Publish Forest Planning Network (FPN) reports		Findings shared

6.4	Policy research	Research on Fragmentation of forest governance in Asia and Pacific region, in collaboration with UNFF	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economy factsheets detailing current situation with regards to forest governance fragmentation 2. Consultation workshop report 3. Research report, providing an up-to-date analysis on fragmentation in forest governance in the target economies, highlighting the on-the-ground situation and concerns of each economy.
VII. APFNet fund				
7.1	Supporting community based enterprises in GMS region	Provide machines and training to help beneficiary enterprises and communities better utilize wood and NTFP resources to improve livelihood	Jan.-Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three sets of machinery to Lopperi Forestry Plantation Corporation delivered and put into operation 2. Efficiency of production and wood utilization of the small community-based forest enterprises improved; 3. Capacity of the enterprises enhanced
7.2	Forest carbon plantation supported by PICC Foundation	Manage the plantation established in 2016	Jan.-Dec.	Plantation well managed for CO ₂ fixation and farmland protection