



MOBILIZING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF CRITERIA AND INDICATORS (C&I) FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT (SFM)

- THE WAY FORWARD -
XIV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS VISION AND ROADMAP (SEPTEMBER 2015)

VISION: BY 2020 DECISION-MAKERS USE C&I FOR
SFM IN POLICY AND PRACTICE TO:

- strengthen development of results-based policies and programmes, and monitor their implementation
- promote and provide incentives for transition to sustainable forestry practices and forest management certification
- strengthen dialogue with other sectors and demonstrate the contribution of forests
- monitor, assess and report on SFM

ROADMAP:
ACTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL BODIES

1. Further develop sets of indicators to measure and report on SFM and contributions to sustainable development that are clear, simple and easily understood
2. Further streamline C&I-related data collection, monitoring and reporting, building on existing mechanisms
3. Share experiences and lessons on using C&I and support research and capacity building on their development and use

ROADMAP:
ACTIONS FOR NATIONAL AND SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

4. Promote results-based forest policy and programme formulation based on C&I and develop sets for administrative practice
5. Integrate C&I in the main instruments used to regulate and guide forest management practices
6. Provide incentives for investment in sustainable forestry by improving access rights to resources and markets based on the use of C&I
7. Further strengthen monitoring and information systems, covering key elements of forest sustainability in a cost-effective way
8. Develop communication and public outreach, and include C&I in research agendas, education, training and capacity development

ROADMAP:
ACTIONS FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING FOREST OWNERS,
COMMUNITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR AND PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS

9. Develop and use simple C&I sets to guide operational managerial practice, monitoring and reporting
10. Use C&I as a stepping stone to forest certification for non-certified forest enterprises

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OTTAWA COLLABORATIVE ACTION PLAN (MAY 2016)
A GLOBAL COLLABORATIVE NETWORK AND SUB-GROUPS ARE WORKING ON:

DEVELOP A CORE SET OF INDICATORS TO USE IN GLOBAL FOREST-RELATED REPORTING

- Draw from existing forest indicator sets to meet national, regional and global requirements to report on Sustainable Development Goals, Aichi Biodiversity Targets and others
- A small set of global indicators developed in participatory processes

REPORT ON GLOBAL COMMITMENTS



- Address data gaps, identify overlaps in reporting on forests and use the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) to support reporting on global forest-related commitments

INTEGRATE C&I INTO INTER-SECTORAL POLICY DECISION-MAKING AND PLANNING

- Develop a set of C&I sustainability promoting more integrated among agriculture, forestry and fishery sectors
- Build awareness, ownership, capacity and accountability
- Use C&I for monitoring and assessing implementation of programmes and plans

SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND BUILD NATIONAL CAPACITY

- Build capacity on developing and using C&I at country, regional and international level
- Establish knowledge exchange platforms for experts to share information and learn from experiences

ANALYZE COMMONALITIES AND DIFFERENCES AMONG C&I PROCESSES

- Consolidate and harmonize reporting measures, reduce redundancy and add clarity to SFM reporting
- Demonstrate that forests contribute to many ecosystem services related to climate change, poverty and health

ANALYZE THE EVOLUTION OF SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT INDICATOR PROCESSES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- Document C&I development and impacts on SFM
- Integrate perspectives of regional processes and certification bodies

For more information on the global collaborative network and sub-groups working on each of the six actions, contact **Ewald Rametsteiner** at ewald.rametsteiner@fao.org or **Simon Bridge** at simon.bridge@canada.ca.

The International expert workshop on strengthening collaboration on criteria and indicators (C&I) to promote and demonstrate sustainable forest management (Ottawa, 1-3 May 2016) was organized by Natural Resources Canada and FAO



Find out more about Strengthening criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management in policy and practice.

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