



Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-Based Industries

Wednesday 7 May 2019, Vancouver – David Rhodes.

Significant discussions on the three pieces of work that the ACSFI had previously requested.

- Draft Manuscript.
- Wood First Policies (preliminary report only)
- Carbon in Harvested Wood Product (HWP)

On the HWP paper, this is unfinished work being undertaken by Wageningen University, expected to be completed by the end of the year.

It is consistent with the IPCC methodology and will assess 15 countries and how their wood streams may be dealt with.

It will also raise questions about how HWP policy may need further development within the UNFCCC.

Some proposed that FAO be requested to investigate methodologies for wood products outside the IPCC'S 3 categories. I was opposed to this given how difficult an exercise that would be and something that eluded the UNFCCC during 15 years of negotiation.

Roundtable additional issues raised

N. America reporting increased ENGO activity. The recognition of the new saviour role for forestry especially in climate change has also given rise to a concern about forest expansion, and increased harvesting. Not unlike what is happening in NZ.

Increased biosecurity threats and capacity to respond to them

COP 25 Chile December 2019. Large Forest Industry presence expected

APFC – Korea- 17th to 21st June

FAO Work Programme Highlights

- Launched a Forests and Education Campaign.
- Contributed to by other entities (e.g. ITTO). FAO Concentrating on increasing literacy and changing the perception of forestry.
- Compiled an inventory of global effort with a view to identifying gaps school age group—developing modules. Hands on activities and working with youth will be featured

Completed a survey of territory students of their expectations/ views of the sector. This will be presented at APFC, in Korea.

- Planted Forest work - International Congress in August 2020 in Florida.
- Genetic resources run a number of regional workshops of the topic.
- SW4SW

Continuing work on this 4-year programme.

Further dialogue in Cameroon, S. Africa and China. Strongly supported by the new ADG. This is an area where the group have strongly encouraged FAO to do more.

- Established a forest based bio-economy working group
- Value Chain approach to Finance
- Improving image of Wood

Trying to address the dichotomy between support for Wood products and opposition to harvesting. And as part of that, separate harvesting from deforestation, illegal logging, etc.