JOIN EFFORTS FOR FLR MONITORING AND EVALUATION
The Collaborative Road Map

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Context: multiple international commitments

• SDG targets 15.2 & 15.3
  ➢ Restoration of degraded forests, lands and soils

• Aichi Biodiversity target 15
  ➢ Restoring 15% of degraded ecosystems by 2020

• The Bonn Challenge
  ➢ Restoration of 150 million hectares by 2020

• The New York Declaration
  ➢ 350 million hectares to be restored by 2030

• The Land Degradation Neutrality targets

• The NDCs in the context of the Paris Agreement
Key role of monitoring FLR

• Support the implementation of FLR interventions at all scales and provide feedback for adaptive management and learning;
• Provide evidence of progress, achievements and impact in relation to expectations and targets;
• Communicate results and outcomes to keep the momentum going on and inspire emulation;
• Support reporting to FLR investors (government, private sector, donors, smallholders...) and foster additional investments by projecting ability to oversee FLR investments;
• Support reporting on national, regional and international commitments.
The Drylands & Forest and Landscape Restoration Week

- Drylands & Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) Monitoring Week (FAO HQ – Rome, April 2016)

  ➢ Co-organized by:

  ➢ Supported by:

- > 60 participants/monitoring experts from various organizations

- Objectives
  
  • Share updates on implementation of the Rome Promise (follow up of the first drylands monitoring weeks also organized in Rome in 2015)
  
  • Review needs & opportunities for FLR monitoring with key partners
  
  • Take stock of available tools & approaches and share examples of application
  
  • Identify gaps & priority actions to move forward on FLR monitoring
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• Outcomes

  • Two “drylands-focused” outcomes:
    • A revised roadmap for the Rome Promise;
    • A proposal for the creation of a COFO working group on Dryland forests and Agro-silvo-pastoral systems (approved during the last COFO in July 2016);

  • A roadmap to support and align FLR monitoring efforts globally named the **collaborative roadmap on FLR monitoring**
    • Jointly designed and approved by all participants
    • Composed by 5 different priority activity streams
    • Designed to support countries engaged in FLR and in-country FLR actors
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What do we want to achieve?

1. Establish baseline, monitor operational & strategic targets
2. Encompass biophysical, socio-economic and enabling environment aspects
3. Include qualitative and quantitative aspects
4. Have multiple & sustainable purposes
5. Promote a landscape perspective
6. Connect across scales, full length of the process
7. Science-based & promote inclusiveness and participation

Collaborative roadmap for FLR monitoring

Encourage and support countries and in country actors, and other relevant partners in monitoring FLR at all scales
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What do we want to achieve?

• Activity stream 1: Develop and refine **guidance document(s)** on the design, establishment and operation of FLR monitoring systems, aligned with existing processes and fostering cross-sectoral coordination.

• Activity stream 2: Develop and maintain an interactive **FLR knowledge platform** including:
  - An on-line library (tool box) of monitoring resources (candidate indicators and tools, guidance materials etc.)
  - Capacity building materials (e-learning modules...)
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What do we want to achieve?

• **Activity stream 3:** Form and test evolving *technical alliances, mechanisms and / or networks* to support effective FLR processes (including monitoring) in selected *countries and regions*

• **Activity stream 4:** Create (or, as appropriate, build on existing) and facilitate a *community of learning*, supported, amongst other things by knowledge sharing events (including peer to peer)

• **Activity stream 5:** Form an *innovation hub* to support other activity streams, harnessing contributions from the science, technology and innovation communities
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Partners:
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Modalities for coordination:

- Play a leading role in scoping the activity streams
- Facilitate coordination, ensure coherence, guide & contribute to implementation
- Actively promote the roadmap and mobilize more partners
- Communicate information and exchange knowledge
- Support resource mobilization

A core group
WRI, UNEP, IUCN, CBD and FAO

...And contributing organizations on each stream: Bioversity, CIFOR, ICRAF, OSS, SER, CSE Senegal, IUFRO, University of Leeds, GM UNCCD, UNCCD etc...

- Contribute to the scoping and implementation
- Facilitate collaboration
- Actively promote the roadmap
- Communicate information and exchange knowledge
- Support resource mobilization

ROADMAP OPEN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS!
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Ongoing and future activities:

• Ongoing preparation of the guidance document (activity stream 1) led by WRI/FAO
• Structure of the Knowledge Platform containing a specific module on FLR monitoring, already prepared (activity stream 2), to be presented during this session
• Opportunities for collaboration on the ground identified with WRI, UNEP and IUCN for activity stream 3 (in particular in the context of a GEF thematic program on FLR)
• Concept note developed for the Community of Practice (activity stream 4) and objective to organize a first webinar on FLR monitoring (under preparation) in 2017
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How could Mediterranean actors be involved?

• Contributing to the FLR monitoring roadmap
  • Stream 1 – getting involved in the process of developing and testing the guidance document on FLR monitoring indicators
  • Stream 2 – providing methods/tools/study cases used in the region to increase the number of relevant products in the database of the FLR online toolbox
  • Stream 3 – identifying areas of potential interest where FLR monitoring can be improved both at national and regional levels
  • Stream 4 – being involved in the online and face-to-face events to be developed in the context of the community of learning on FLR monitoring
• Sharing FLR monitoring experiences already taking place in the region
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How could Mediterranean actors be involved?
Short term involvement in the peer review process and the test of the Guidance document in preparation with WRI (Contact: Kathleen Buckingham)