**Global issues and Urban and Periurban Forestry Voluntary Guidelines**

**Leipzig, Germany**

*Date: Tuesday, 08 May 2012, 16h00 to 18h30*

*Venue: Leipziger KUBUS, Lecture Hall 2*

**Back-to-Back to the**

**“15thEuropean Forum on Urban Forestry**

**''Urban Forests - Ecosystem Services and Sustainable Management"**

**Leipzig, Germany, 8-12 May 2012**

**(Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research – UFZ)**

**- Provisional Agenda –**

**Background**

*Voluntary Guidelines for Policy and Decision Making promoting Urban and Peri-urban Forestry* are being prepared through a participatory process under the leadership of FAO. A Concept Note was prepared in February 2011. Then, the first draft outline was validated at a two-day FAO workshop on UPF Guidelines and other meetings in margin of the 14th European Forum on Urban Forestry (Glasgow, 30 May-4 June 2011) (Reference: Summary Report). The draft guidelines were further discussed for the Mediterranean region (European and non-European countries) at the “Medways Workshop” (Firenze, 16-17 December 2011).

The primary audiences for the guidelines are policy and decision makers from related sectors and disciplines, those who hold a position of authority and influence in city administrations, civil society, business or politics and local, national or international level. All these audiences require Guidelines that are non-technical, provide access to planning and decision making tools and supply examples of good practice.

After introducing the publication, 17 themes are devices through three overarching clusters (i) governance & planning (ii) ecological, economic, health & wellbeing benefits (iii) delivery support mechanisms. Each theme contains the following items: Key words; Brief description of the theme; Thematic Boxes; Do you know that ...; Check list of things to do; Illustration .

Transitional publications *“Towards the Guidelines for policy and decision making promoting Urban and Peri-urban Forestry”,* has been prepared to support the Guidelines development and participative processes for the following regions: (i) global version; (ii) Maghreb and French Speaking countries of Africa; (iii) Asia and Pacific version. These transitional working papers, all with the same framework, are designed to inform interested organizations and individuals of the process underway, start the process of informing policy and decision makers, engage and mobilize regional support for the guidelines development process and mobilize resources. It is also a framework to collaborate with key institutions such as UN Agencies (e.g. UN-Habitat), Major associations (e.g. ICLEI, Metropolis UCLG) and UN Conventions (e.g. CBD, UNCCD, UNFCCC) , who through their strategies and membership can make a positive impact on Urban and Peri-urban Forestry worldwide. They will be published end May 2012.

The process have been presented to various statutory bodies of FAO, including: (i) the 18th African Forestry and Wildlife Commission and its 2nd African Forestry and Wildlife Week (Cotonou, 16-20 January 2012), (ii) the 20th session of the Forestry and Rangelands Commission and its Forest Week (Antalya, 26 January - 2nd February 2012); and, (iii) the 21th session of the Silva Mediterranean Committee (Antalya, 2-3 February 2012). A working group on Urban Forestry has been approved on 2nd February at the Silva Med session in Antalya. (Reference: Secretariat Note no. 14). The 1st meeting of the provisional secretariat of the UPF Working Group of Silva-Med will be held back-to-back to the present meeting, from 13h30 to 15h30.

A wider consultative process will be engaged from May to October 2012 based on these transitional publications and other material with various audiences: (i) practitioners and researchers and advisors to decision makers at local level; (ii) regional and international institutions; (iii) decision and policy makers. A programme is proposed in Annex 2. A series of related events provide opportunities for informing and consulting on the guidelines development as well as discussions on the best ways for their implementation.

Parallel to this process led by FAO, are developed other products by other institutions, in collaboration with FAO and other partners: (i) a glossary “100 words on urban forestry”, University of Bari (Giovanni Sanesi); (ii) the state of the art of UPF in Latin America (University of Bari (Giovanni Sanesi and Fabio Salbitano); (iii) ENPI CBC Med call for proposals - Dépôt GOFOPMED “Governance for managed and shared mediteranean periurban forests” (“*Gouvernance pour des FOrêts Périurbaines MEDiterranéennes gérées et partagées*”) (David Gasc, AIFM – *Association Internationale Forêts Méditerranéennes* / International Association for Mediterranean Forests).

Many related events offer opportunities for supporting the processes engaged. A list of related events in presented in Annex 3.

**Objectives of the meeting**

The meeting will focus on the global issues, including the UPF Guidelines preparation and the 3 other initiatives mentioned above. The specific points to be discussed are:

1. **Urban and Periurban Forestry Voluntary Guidelines:**
2. Review of the Global version “Towards Guidelines for Policy and Decision Making Promoting Urban and Peri-urban Forestry”, taking into account the regional versions (Maghreb and French Speaking Africa; Asia & Pacific).
3. Identify key gaps and provide inputs by 13 May for their finalization by 31st May 2012.
4. Recommendations for the Consultative process (June to October 2012) for finalization of the “UPF Guidelines” to be published by the end of 2012.
5. **Global issues:**
6. Preparation of the Glossary “100 words on UPF”
7. State of the Art of UPF in Latin America
8. Support to UPF through Regional platforms and implementation of the Guidelines
9. **Any related other matters**

**Secretariat of the meeting**

The Secretariat of the WG on UPF will be composed of Michelle Gauthier and Bertille Fages (FAO); Fabio Salbitano, Giovanni Sanesi (Italy)

**Invited Participants**

The invitation is extended to all 15th European Forum on Urban Forestry 2012 to be held in Leipzig from 8 to 12 May 2012; those attending the Meeting on Silva Med are encouraged to participate. It was also extended to the members of Silva Med.

**Programme**

The proposed programme of the meeting is presented in Annex 1.

**References**

1. Revised Global version “Towards Guidelines for Policy and Decision Making Promoting Urban and Peri-urban Forestry”

**Annexes**

1. Proposed programme of the meeting
2. Proposed Programme for finalizing the guidelines (round of consultations in May-June 2012)
3. Calendar of related events

**Annex 1**

**Proposed Programme of the meeting**

***“Global issues and Urban and Periurban Forestry Voluntary Guidelines”***

**(from 16:00 to 18:30)**

**16h00:** Brief introduction (*by Chairpersons*)

**16h15:** “Towards UPF Guidelines” – Global version

1. Review of the introductory sections “Common Vision”; “Goals and 10 Principles”; “Key messages”
2. Review of the 17 themes of the three main Clusters (I-Governance and planning ; II-Benefits and Natural Resources management; III- Delivery and Support Mechanisms) in order to identify the key information missing on the following sections:
   1. “Key words”: list of key subjects related to the theme
   2. “Brief description of the theme”
   3. “Thematic Boxes”: the boxes will present activities and lessons learned from individual or various case studies or thematic information from various sources.
   4. “Do you know that ...”: this section should present catching few (3-7) facts and figures, demonstrating results and impact based on expertise acquired in the world
   5. “Check list of things to do”: this section should orient (but not “prescribe”) on questions or points to be taken into account in decision and policy making process
   6. « Illustration » : photos, figures, graphics, charts, etc.)
3. The Way Forward
   1. “Towards the Guidelines” by end of May
   2. “UPF Guidelines” (publication by end of 2012)
      1. Finalization of the draft in time for the World Urban Forum (1-7 Sept. 2012) and COFO (24-28 Sept. 2012): Deadline: end of July 2012.
      2. Consultative Process - June to October 2012.
      3. Implementation and adaptation of the guidelines at global and regional level

**17h45:** Other global/regional initiatives

The next deadlines and events up to May 2013:

1. Glossary “100 words on UPF”
2. State of the Art of UPF in Latin America
3. Participation to major events, such as World Urban Forum 7 (September 2012), the 21th Session of Committee on Forestry (September 2012), and the UNFF 10 (April 2013)
4. Resources mobilization

**18h15:** Any other related matters

**18h30:** Closure of the Meeting (*by Chairpersons*)

**Annex 2**

***Guidelines consultation process, May – June 2012***

*Guidelines development within different kinds of consultations:*

* D-groups FCIT
* Mail
* Telephone conferences/meetings face to face with key institutions
* UPF side event in the World Urban Forum, Naples, September 2012

*Consultation process for validation of Towards UPF Guidelines;*

* + 1. ***May*** : Consultation within the Food for cities Discussion Groups, just after the EFUF in Leipzig.
    2. ***May/June:*** Regional telephone conferences (3) with professionals at technical and administrative level
    3. ***June/July:*** Telephone Conference with UN-Habitat, ICLEI, CBD, Metropolis, UCLG and other key institutions
    4. ***July:*** Regional telephone conferences with policy & decision makers for final validation based on results from i), ii) and iii) above.
    5. ***Sept:*** Institutional meeting with UN-Habitat, ICLEI, CBD, Metropolis, UCLG and other key institutions for guidelines process validation (Rome, organized in collaboration with Food for the Cities Initiative of FAO, few days after the WUF)

**Annex 3**

**Calendar of related events 2012 - 2014**

**Selected international events related to urban and forestry issues**

* 16-20 January 2012: *18th Session African Forestry and Wildlife Commission*, FAO, Cotonou, Benin.
* 29 January - 2 February 2012: *20th Session Near East Forestry and Range Commission*,Antalya, Turkey.
* 2-3 February 2012: *21st Session Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions – Silva Mediterranea*, FAO, Antalya, Turkey.
* 5-7 March 2012: *1st Biennial Congress on Urban Green Spaces (CUGS)*, Aravali Foundation for Education and Delhi Government, New Delhi, India.
* 5-9 March 2012: *27th Session Latin America and Caribbean Forestry Commission*, FAO, Asunción, Paraguay.
* 8-9 May 2012: *26th Session North American Forest Commission*, FAO, Québec, Canada.
* 8-12 May 2012: *15th European Forum on Urban Forestry ''Urban Forests – Ecosystem Services and Sustainable Management"*, EFUF – IUFRO, Leipzig, Germany. Back-to-back: FAO workshop for Mediterranean countries; 1st meeting of the Working Group on UPF of the Silva Mediterranea Committee.
* 12-15 May 2012: [*Resilient Cities 2012 – 3rd  World Congress on Cities and Adaptation to Climate Change*](http://resilient-cities.iclei.org/bonn2012/), ICLEI, Bonn, Germany.
* 22 - 24 May 2012: *Conference “Forest for People”*, IUFRO, Alpbach, Tyrol/Austria.
* 12-14 June. *EFIMED week*, EFIMED, Tunis, Tunisia
* [30 May-2 June 2012: *World Congress 2012*](http://www.iclei.org/?id=12137), ICLEI, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.
* 4-6 June 2012: [*Rio+20 Global Town Hall*](http://local2012.iclei.org/iclei-and-rio-20/), ICLEI, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
* 20 - 22 June 2012: *Rio+20*, The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
* 1-7 September 2012: *World Urban Forum 7 – The Urban Future*, UN-HABITAT, Naples, Italy.
* *6-15 September 2012: IUCN World Conservation Congress 2012. Venue: International Convention Center, Jeju (Cheju-Do), Korea, Republic of Korea*
* 24-28 September 2012: *21st Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO)*, FAO, Rome, Italy.
* 1st October 2012 (1st Monday of October): *World Habitat Day* (UN-Habitat)
* 8-19 October 2012: *COP of the CBD*; Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), India
* 20-22 November 2012: [*Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea*](http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/en/)*,* Algeria
* 5-12 November 2012: *Biannual IUFRO Forest Landscape Ecology Conference – Sustaining Humans and Forests in Changing Landscapes: Forests, Society and Global Change*, IUFRO, Concepción, Chile.
* 17-21 March 2013*, 3rd Mediterranean Forest Week,* Tlemcen*,* Algeria
* 9-18 April 2013: *10th Session of United Nation Forum on Forests (UNFF) Item on "Benefits of forests and trees to urban communities"*; Istanbul, Turkey.
* May 2013: *16th European Forum on Urban Forestry*, EFUF – IUFRO – University of Florence and University of Bari, Milan, Italy
* 2014: *3rd World Congress of Agroforestry*, ICRAF, New Delhi
* *[calendar to be completed]*