**Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) II –**

***FFF –Network: Working together with FFPOs as Primary Change Agents***

**Rationale**

There are several countries, programmes and initiatives that are working on supporting forest and farm producer organizations (FFPOs) and building their capacities for climate resilient landscapes and improved livelihoods. FFF has been instrumental in its first phase in assisting governments and FFPOs and in generating and sharing results and lessons learned. There is now a need to link these processes and experiences and to scale up the impact at the policy as well as field level through a series of mechanisms and initiatives aiming at local, national, regional and global level.

In particular, the FFF needs to put in place a simple mechanism to bring together different types of stakeholders and to foster dialogue and cooperation within and among its different constituencies, namely:

a) Governments

b) Family farmer, indigenous peoples and forest dwellers associations, CSOs, social movements and their partners

c) FFPO and rural communities

d) Facilitative Organizations (national, regional and international);

Furthermore, a number of country cross sectoral platforms or multi-sectorial steering committees will provide in-country leadership and guidance – in coordination with FAORs and FAO Regional Initiatives and collaborative programmes from each partner. As cross-sectoral platforms are established they may take on the role of the advisory committee. Within this framework, it is important to underline that there will be significant efforts linked to the coordination among stakeholder/constituencies at national level and this process has to be “capitalized”, made visible and supported through appropriate mechanisms and tools. This should also include facilitating a “continuum” with the results generated during phase and the interest expressed by countries that cannot receive direct support in the present phase due to limited funding. FFF phase II will have two kind of countries. The “core partner countries” and “network countries”. Several countries expressed their interest in the country support of the FFF phase II. As result of the selection process, core partner countries were selected according to specific criteria. The FFF activities and budget will be concentrated in the partner countries. Nevertheless, a key aspect of the strategy to scale up FFF result is to keep direct links even with countries that are not directly assisted during phase II, and to foster cooperation also with new countries expressing interest, as well as among farmer organizations at the national, regional and global level. To this end it is proposed to create a FFF Network (FFF-N) that will facilitate information and knowledge sharing, the collaboration among countries and FFPOs (e.g. south-south and/or triangular) and resource mobilization. The network will have different clusters and/or task groups according to members and FFF priorities.

**Objective**

Promote the exchange of experience, knowledge and cooperation among the network members and support the resource mobilization and development

**Operations and activities**

The FFF Collaborative Network will promote initiatives and activities in support to forest and farm producer organizations. During 2019 the active participation of the producers in the celebration of the decade of the family farming will be one key engagements of the FFF-Collaborative Network jointly with advocacy activities to get policy support to FFF related initiatives. The network will support the activities of the existing instances of the FFF governance structure.

**Members**

Network members will be countries, programmes, initiatives and development partners, regional and global federations of FFPOs that are committed to building climate resilience and improving family farmers’ livelihoods supporting FFPOs as key agents in collaboration with governments

**Country members**

Countries of the FFF I and countries that expressed their interest in the FFF and ranked high in the selection but not selected as “core partner countries” will be additional FFF-Network members. Similarly, the network will ensure linkages with regional and global producer organizations, social movements and international organizations and donors.

**Programmes and initiatives members**

Programmes and initiatives that are working in support FFPOs and climate resilient landscapes and improved livelihoods that expressed their interest in being member of the network

**Partner members**

FAO, IUCN, IIED and AGRICORD + institutions and organizations of the participating and interested countries

**FFF support to the network**

FFF will provide very limited funds (initially for one year) allocated to the network countries to support for resource mobilization and/or possible participation in trainings or exchange visits.

FFF will seek to support a virtual platform that will facilitate information and knowledge exchange, and give visibility to project key issues and project results

The network will also actively foster south- south -cooperation on strategic elements.