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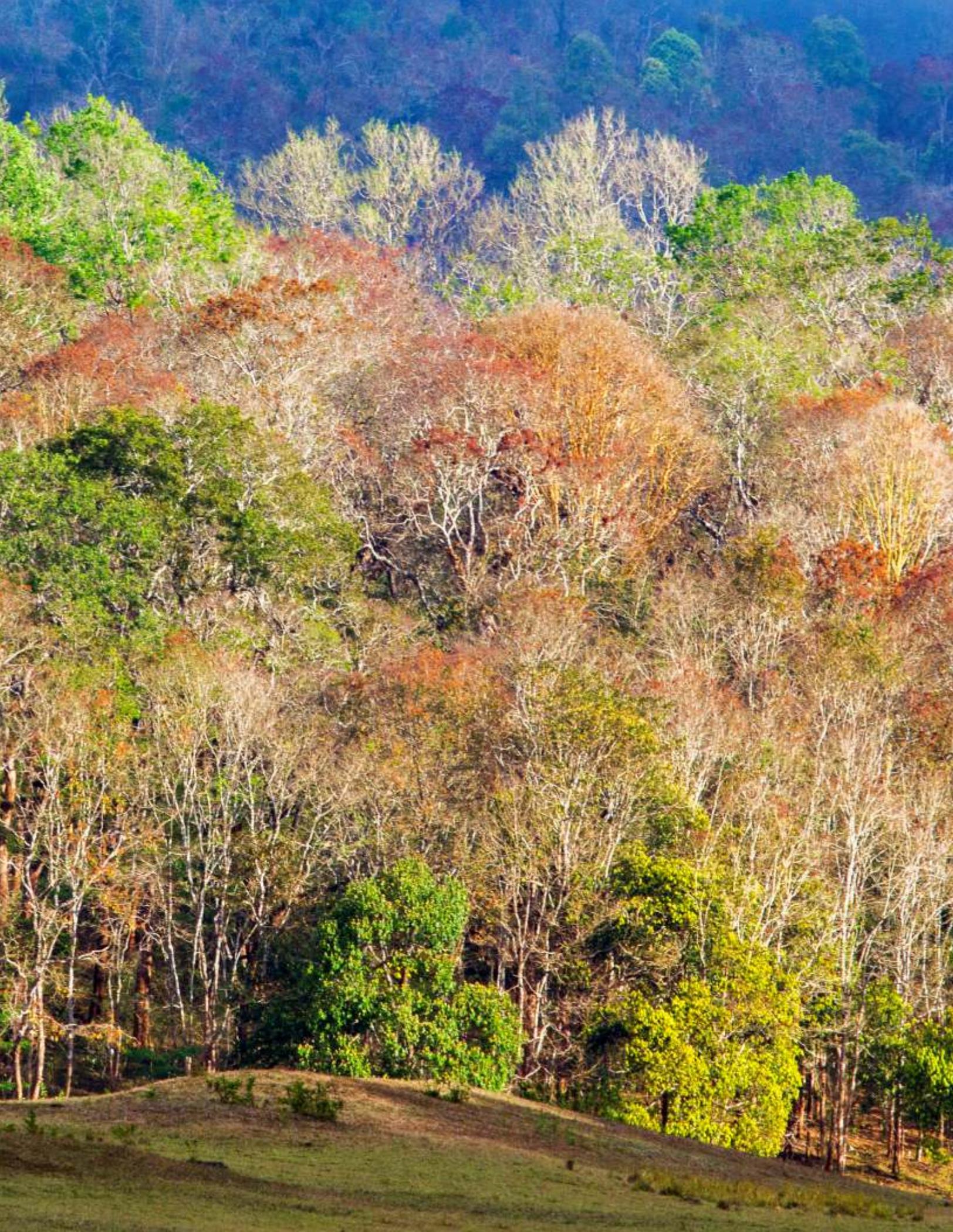
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Chairman's Message



It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests for 2017-18, detailing the activities and achievements of the organization during the year.

The NCCF, a non-profit organization, came into existence in early 2015. It has continued in its efforts to generate an impressive repository of work in the environmental, economic and social aspects of natural resource management. The primary focus has been on sustainable management of forests and trees outside forests. NCCF has endeavoured to bridge the gap between policy makers and practitioners on important issues of conservation of our natural resources through policy advocacy, consultation meetings, raising awareness, conferences and workshops. Our contribution is coming to be recognized more and more, both within the country and internationally.

I feel encouraged by the forward-looking outlook of NCCF. Increasing number of experts and organisations are getting associated with us in setting up mechanisms for responsible management of forests and trees outside forests, agroforestry, non-wood forest products, protected areas, wetlands, multifunctional landscapes and sustainable agriculture. Our effort is to have products with lower carbon and ecological footprints.

NCCF has been contributing to the evolving national and international forestry agenda. The development of country specific forest management certification standards by NCCF has been a major institutional effort. We are now taking this to the state and local levels. NCCF's extended stakeholder outreach along with public consultations and pilot testing processes has been a major effort towards evolving country specific and internationally benchmarked standards.

NCCF's achievements have been made possible by close ties with our partners such as Central Ministries, State Forest Departments, ICFRE, IIFM, IPIRTI, WII, EPCH, ITC, QCI, NABCB, ICRAF, IUCN, ICIMOD, WWF, NTCA, TRIFED, INBAR, BWI and other organizations.

We felt very encouraged by the presence of Shri C.K. Mishra, IAS, Secretary Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Shri Siddhanta Das, Director General Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in the national conference in New Delhi on 13th January 2018 and for releasing the standards for Forest Management. After this launch, NCCF's multi-stakeholder engagement for developing standards on Trees Outside Forest, Non-Wood Forest Products and Protected Areas and Wetlands has progressed well during the year.

I must compliment the Chairpersons and members of the Standard Development Groups for their contribution in developing the standards and look forward to finalization of these standards during 2018-19. I should mention that ToF Standard will promote agroforestry for meeting the needs of small landholders and local communities in our multifunctional landscapes. This will enhance incomes and help meet the growing requirement for wood and wood based products. An important dimension pertains to our meeting the targets of the Nationally Determined Contributions under UNFCCC to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5-3.0 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent through enhancement of forest and tree cover by 2030. In this context, NCCF has offered its knowhow to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change for developing a roadmap to achieve this NDC goal.

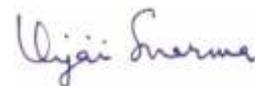
NCCF has effectively played its policy advocacy role in matters concerning CITES, CAMPA and for revision of the National Forest Policy. As a member of the TOF Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, NCCF has contributed significantly in finalization of the report. Its implementation would go a long way in increasing the tree cover outside recorded forest areas as laid down in our National Forest Policy.

I have great pleasure in informing about a pioneering effort by NCCF. We are developing a carbon registry for India to provide listing services for climate change mitigation projects and for providing a trading and tracking platform for verified emission reductions while providing country-based methodologies for project-level GHG emission quantification.

Our endeavour in the NCCF has been to build synergies between state and non-state entities taking into account the national priority of income growth of the most vulnerable sections of the society, fulfilment of their basic minimum needs and safeguarding of our environment. NCCF is making efforts to make certification accessible to small landholders and low volume producers to enable flow of benefits to them by the tapping of their own entrepreneurship.

We, in the NCCF, must acknowledge the tremendous contribution of our experts in forestry and allied disciplines, who have provided critical new knowledge and added to our understanding of forests and trees. I feel happy that we are well tuned into the changing nature of international debates and consensus building. NCCF has established itself well as a body of experts and a think-tank in the field of forest conservation and sustainable development. NCCF's high-quality capabilities draw from its scientific temper and strong methodological approach based on rich national and international experience.

I welcome the active engagement of our distinguished members and of all stakeholders for achieving the sustainable development objectives of the NCCF.



Vijai Sharma, IAS (retd)
Chairman, NCCF

Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests

NCCF is a multi-stakeholder not-profit organization which came into existence in January 2015, as a Society registered under the Societies' Registration Act 1860, with the objective of developing a globally aligned certification program in India and addressing the concerns for sustainable management of forests and trees outside the forest areas, while at the same time making the Indian wood and forest fiber based industry competent globally.

It is an institutional mechanism to ensure collaborative & streamlined efforts for certification, policy advocacy, conservation and improved wood-based supply chain with legality and traceability elements and making consumers aware about sustainable product options.

NCCF's Working Areas

- Standard Development
- Natural Resource Management
- Conservation
- Policy, Advocacy and research
- Capacity Building
- Multi Stakeholder Engagement

Objectives

- To develop country specific and internationally benchmarked National Certification Standards for Sustainable Forest Management, Trees outside Forests (TOF), Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs), Protected Areas and Wetlands (PAWs), Ecotourism, Sustainable Mining, etc.; the standards also being compatible and conforming to the national statutes and legal framework.
- To provide a platform for bringing together forest based stakeholders to promote forest and forest produce certification schemes for the long-term ecological security of forests.
- To provide a link between responsible production and responsible consumption and help the consumer to make socially and environmentally sound buying decisions.
- Promoting responsible trade in forestry sector and offering specific considerations to the unique needs of small and family forest owners while being quality used by large landowners.
- To bridge the gap between policy makers and practitioners including entrepreneurs on issues

that emerges on trade and other related aspects of the forest products and services through a series of consultation meetings, awareness raising, conferences and workshops etc.

- To promote skill development in the forestry sector in the interest of sustainable harvesting and utilization of forest produce as also to promote economic and social welfare of the labourers, plantation workers, artisans, workers engaged in processing of wood, NWFPs and manufacturing of paper, plywood, veneers, panels, furniture and forest-based handicrafts etc.
- Policy advocacy on important emerging issues concerning conservation of natural resources.

Governing Body

The governing body, comprising Chairman and 12 other members, decides the overall policies and directions in carrying out NCCF's activities. The members comprise representatives from the Central Ministries- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Export Promotion Council of Handicrafts (EPCH), Senior Retired Civil Services Officers, Professional Foresters, Private Sector (timber industry associations), Non-governmental organizations (social and environmental interests) and experts from certification bodies. NCCF's Governing Body is a strong foundation having the vision of the diverse stakeholders gathered on one platform.

Shri Vijai Sharma, IAS (retd) , Chairman

Shri Vijai Sharma is ex Chief Information Commissioner of India, ex Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and ex Hon'ble Member, National Green Tribunal (NGT).

Shri Girish Agarwal, Co-chairman

Shri Girish Agarwal is the member of NCCF and founder and partner of the Sankalp International. Sankalp International is among India's top manufacturer and exporter of wooden furniture and handicraft articles.

Shri Suneel Kumar Pandey, Secretary

Shri Suneel Pandey, is presently Vice President-Plantation and Raw Material in ITC-PSPD, and leads a multi-disciplinary team involved in Plantations, Social Forestry, Raw material Procurement, Sustainability and Bio-diversity Conservation. During his tenure as IFS, he has also served as

Senior Forestry Specialist in the National Mission on Bamboo Applications (NMBA) and has successfully handled different business and development initiatives in the areas of Technology Development, Enabling Systems, Policy & Programme implementation, CDM and forest certification.

Shri Sachin Jain, Treasure-Convener

Shri Sachin Raj Jain is the Managing Director of the GICIA, a third-party monitoring and Evaluation Company and has principal responsibility for leading the company's Environmental Certification Programs. In 2007, SCS first engaged him for running their operation in South Asia, South East Asia and Middle East. He is an internationally recognized expert in auditing FSC-CoC & FM Certification. He has contributed and directed various projects on sustainability, climate change, monitoring, evaluation and afforestation like Climate Change Adaptation, evaluation of Project Elephant for Meghalaya, Green India Mission for Assam, Carbon Footprint Assessment for KBR National Park Hyderabad.

Shri Naveen Singh, Joint Treasurer

He has cofounded and established many organization such as Drona International School (1986), Drona Engineering College (2009), Gyanodya School for Girls (2015).

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmer Welfare

Joint Secretary (NRM) is the official nominee of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on the Governing Body of NCCF. Currently, the Joint Secretary in charge NRM Division is Dr. Alka Bhargava, a senior IFS officer of Asaam cader. Earlier, this position was held by Shri R.B.Sinha, a senior IFS officer of M.P. cadre.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Shri Ajay Yadav (IAS), Deputy Secretary, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry has been nominated to attend important NCCF meetings.

Ms. Rimple Jain Gupta, Member

Ms. Rimple Jain Gupta has taken a Masters degree in Psychology. She is the founder and director of the NGO Kudrat Gramodyog Sansthan, which deals in the design and development of natural handmade products. She has worked in close association with the Bamboo and Fiber Board of

Uttarakhand and the Watershed Management Directorate of Uttarakhand. Through her endeavours Ms. Rimple has provided a means to training and income generation to over 500 people in the Garhwal and Jaunsar regions of the state.

Shri Rakesh Kumar, Member

Shri Rakesh Kumar conceptualized India's first state of the art infrastructure for Exhibition and Mart at Greater Noida and currently holding the position of Chairman of the Centre. He is the Chief Executive Officer of EPCH. Shri Kumar is key architect of several important projects in India such as setting up of National Centre for Design & Product Development and creation of Handicrafts and Carpet Sector Skill Council (HCSSC) to bridge the skill gap in the handicrafts & carpet sector and provide over 2 million skilled manpower.

Shri A K Varma, IFS (retd), Member

A Member of Indian Forest Service (1974; Karnataka), Shri Varma retired on superannuation as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force of Karnataka State Forest Department. He has also worked in various capacities including PCCF (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Karnataka and has been actively involved in the field of Forest Management Certification and Chain of Custody Certification process as peer reviewer, observer, co-auditor and lead. He is presently Member of the NCCF Governing Body and also chairing the Standard Development Group, FM Standard of NCCF.

Shri AC Chaubey, IFS (retd), Member

Shri Chaubey joined Indian Forest Service in 1977 and have experience of about more than 35 years in the field of forestry in various capacities in State and Central Government and participated in several international conferences as Member / Head of Indian Delegations. A strategic visionary with a clear sense of purpose and urgency when faced with diverse situational challenges during periods of rapid growth. He is skilled at establishing operational excellence within culturally diverse environments, translating conceptual models into specific growth strategies and planning/executing multifaceted global business development campaigns.

Shri P.K. Garg, Member

Shri Pawan Kumar Garg, working presently with Star Paper Mills Limited, Saharanpur, U.P. as Sr. G M Commercial has vast experience of 39 years in Supply Chain Management and Commercial

functions in Paper Industry, Textiles and FMCG Industry. He has been associated with development of Hi tech Clonal Nurseries and Agro Forestry. He has vigorously promoted Agroforestry in Western U.P. for the last 15 years and the results are quite visible and evident now. He is trained in best management practices like TPM, TQM, Six Sigma, Gemba Kaizen, PMS, ICRM, SCM etc. and is a member of Indian Institute of Materials Management, Chandigarh Branch and also Member of IPPTA.

Shri Vineet Jain, Member

He is the owner of Hariom Education and Trainer.

Shri A.M Singh (IFS), Co-opted Member

Shri Singh is an Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer of 1986 batch from Assam Meghalaya cadre. During his illustrious service period of almost three decades, he has rendered service to many posts in Centre Government as well as in State Government. Presently he is holding the post of Special Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Planning & CAMPA in E & F Department, Govt. of Assam. He is holding additional charge of Chairman, Pollution Control Board, Assam. He is an expert in Joint Forest Management, Sustainable Forest Management & Forest Certification at national and international level and has coordinated several training workshops and a member of different committees.

NCCF Secretariat



Shri A.K. Srivastava IFS (retd.), Executive Director (Honorary)

Shri A.K. Srivastava, a veteran professional forester, was a Member of the Indian Forest Service and retired from the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) as Additional Director General of Forests and also held charge of the Director General of Forests and Special Secretary for some time. He has worked at various other senior positions in the Government of India and Government of Jammu & Kashmir like Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, PCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden, Jammu and Kashmir, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Inspector General of Forests and CEO, CAMPA, MoEF&CC, Additional Commissioner (NRM), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. He had been ex-officio Member of the National Forest Advisory Committee, National Biodiversity Authority and Animal Welfare Board of India.

Mr Srivastava has dealt with the multilateral and bilateral organisations and voluntary bodies such as UNFF, FAO, UNDP, UNESCO, World Bank, JICA, GIZ, IUCN, WWF and WTI, etc and represented the Government of India in several international conventions / fora like UNFF, COFO, FAO, APFC, CITES, CMS, IWC etc. His academic qualifications include Masters degrees in Forestry (AIFC) and Biochemistry, NDC (M.Phil) in National Security and Strategic Studies from the National Defence College, New Delhi, MBA from the University of Hull, U.K.



Dr. Ajay Kumar Saxena, Deputy Director

A veteran ecologist, forester and biologist with about two decades of diverse research and work experience in United Nations (UNDP and UNESCO), Governments, reputed NGOs and research institutions on subjects related to biodiversity conservation, climate change, forestry, ecology, sustainable development, etc. He is internationally trained with degrees from reputed institutions and universities in Europe and USA in the subjects of biodiversity related Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) such as CITES, CMS, CBD etc as well as environmental governance, ecological economics etc. He is first globally certified expert from India on biodiversity conventions with focus on international trade in threatened species of plants and animals. His interest areas are natural resource based sustainable development, bio-resource markets development, ecology based climate change solutions, sustainable uses of biodiversity, forest governance, etc. He is an alumni of Delhi University, Forest Research Institute (University), Dehradun, Universidad Internacional de Andalucia, Spain, Technical University of Dresden, Germany and Duke University, USA.

**Ms Deepali Rautela, Assistant Director**

Ms Deepali is a natural resource management professional, with over four years of experience in project management, sustainability certification standards and scheme development, coordination, international and national business communications, stakeholder engagement, outreach activities and organizing (International, National and regional) stakeholder workshops/conferences. She has been associated with NCCF since 2015 and is actively engaged in collaboration with national and international partners and stakeholders. Presently working as Assistant Director for NCCF, she handles and looks after the overall functioning of the schemes and programs. She is the National Program Manager for (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) PEFC-CoC Administration in India and key personal involved in the process of PEFC Endorsement of the NCCF FM Certification Scheme. She is an alumni of Fergusson College, Pune and Hansraj College, Delhi University.

**Mr Varun Grover, Group Coordinator**

A Post Graduate Diploma in Forestry Management from Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) and graduate in Mechanical Engineering. He previously interned with NCCF and joined full time in April 2017. He is currently coordinating the SDGs - PAWS, NWFP and TOF and is also assisting secretariat in their work/activities.

**Ms. Upasana Singh , Associate**

A Post Graduate (MBA) in Natural resources and Sustainable Development from Amity School of Natural Resources Development and graduate in Resource Management. She has joined NCCF in the Coordination and Administration department. she is currently looking after the administrative activities of NCCF, coordination of the Quality Planting Material Certification Standard Development Group and membership of the society.

Membership of the NCCF

Members of NCCF are from diverse backgrounds and include representatives of environmental and social non-governmental organizations, professional foresters, industry, forestry organizations, community forestry groups, retailers and manufacturers, forest certification organizations and individual forest owners. There are five membership categories as under –

Subscriber Member

The founding members of the NCCF

Government Nominee Member

The members nominated by the Central and State Ministries/Departments to the Governing Body of NCCF.

Ordinary Member

The entity(s)/bodies/Social Group entities/NGOs whether incorporated or not incorporated organization having minimum five year of establishment.

Institutional Member

Any academic or cultural body or local body constituted by local governing bodies, PSU, State Government including a university, department, research institute, registered society or trust interested in academic, cultural or social work in the sector.

Associate Member

Any person having the requisite qualification and a body corporate / Proprietorship Firm/ Firm/ Society/ Social Groups/ NGO/ Association of Persons (AOA) having interest in the activities related/associated with the objectives of NCCF and further intending to work with for the achievement of the objectives.

Co-opted Member

The governing body may choose/appoint or elect any person on the basis of their specific competence. These members shall be appointed for a term of three years, which may be renewed and shall not have alternates.

Benefits of the Membership of NCCF

- The membership to NCCF i.e. they will become an officially important stakeholder for the organization.
- Since it's a not for profit organization hence the membership money will be used for the contribution towards maintaining the Forest sustainability and development of standards.

- Members have the right to attend the conferences, training seminars, exhibition, workshops and other important events and meetings.
- Members can submit, vote and comment on the draft standards (only relevant comments would be entertained) which fundamentally affect the way that NCCF is run.
- NCCF members may also stand as and vote for candidates for the NCCF's Governing Body.
- Access to research, surveys, knowledge papers, press releases.
- NCCF will provide a platform for interaction and networking between government, private and academia.
- NCCF and through it the member will act as a think tank regarding all the activities related to forestry in India.
- Members have benefit of tax exemption in the donations (80G & 12A)

Subscriber Members

- ❖ Mr. Avani Kumar Varma
- ❖ Mr. JK Jain
- ❖ Mr. Sachin Raj Jain
- ❖ Mr. I V R Rao
- ❖ Mr. Suneel Pandey
- ❖ Mr. KH. Devbrat
- ❖ Mr. Sanjeev Agarwal
- ❖ Mr. Rakesh Kumar
- ❖ Mr. A K Bansal

Institutional Members

- ❖ Indian Plywood Industries Research & Training Institute
- ❖ Indian Paper Manufacturer's Association
- ❖ Haryana Forest Development Corporation
- ❖ Hariom Education and Trainer
- ❖ Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Paper Limited

Ordinary Members

- ❖ ITC Ltd
- ❖ Sripathi Paper & Boards Private Limited
- ❖ Sankalp International
- ❖ Star Papers
- ❖ PrintografiK Packaging India Pvt Ltd
- ❖ GrupO JK
- ❖ A K Panels
- ❖ Seshasayee Paper and Boards Limited
- ❖ Bloom Dekor Limited
- ❖ Nupur International
- ❖ Kudrat Gramodhyay Sansathan
- ❖ Indian Art Furniture Private Limited
- ❖ Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakal

Associate Members

- ❖ **Mr. Ambarish Choubey**
- ❖ **Mr. Manu Jose Mattam**
- ❖ **Ms. Neha Channa**
- ❖ **Mr. A K Srivastava**
- ❖ **Mr. Ram Avtar Singh**
- ❖ **Mr. Ranir Pal Saini**
- ❖ **Ms. Taruna Singh**
- ❖ **Ms. Richa Garg**
- ❖ **Ms. Deepali Rautela**
- ❖ **Ms. Anchal**
- ❖ **Ms. Nidhi Rawat**
- ❖ **Mr. Ankur Nautiyal**
- ❖ **Ms. Sakshi Nehra**
- ❖ **Mr. Shovans Das**
- ❖ **Mr. Abu Bakar Ansari**
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- ❖ **Ms. Teena Antil**
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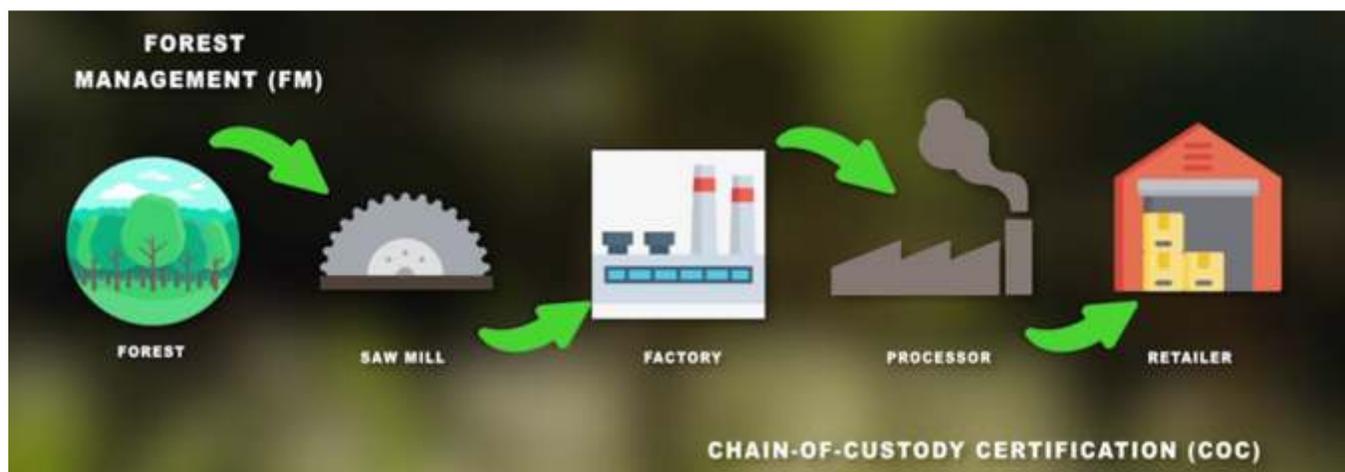
Forest Certification

How Certification Works?

It is a market based non-regulatory conservation tool designed to recognize and promote sustainable forest management. Through forest certification, forest management, harvest planning and practices are evaluated by an independent third party, according to standards that address environmental protection as well as social and economic welfare.



Chain of Custody certification offers important advantages to retailers and traders (who purchase from the wood-processing industry), which can improve their license to operate and enhance their image by promoting wood and non-timber forest products from sustainable sources. In addition, it can open up new markets and increase the customer base as more and more consumers demand wood from certified sources.



Certification as a Conservation Tool

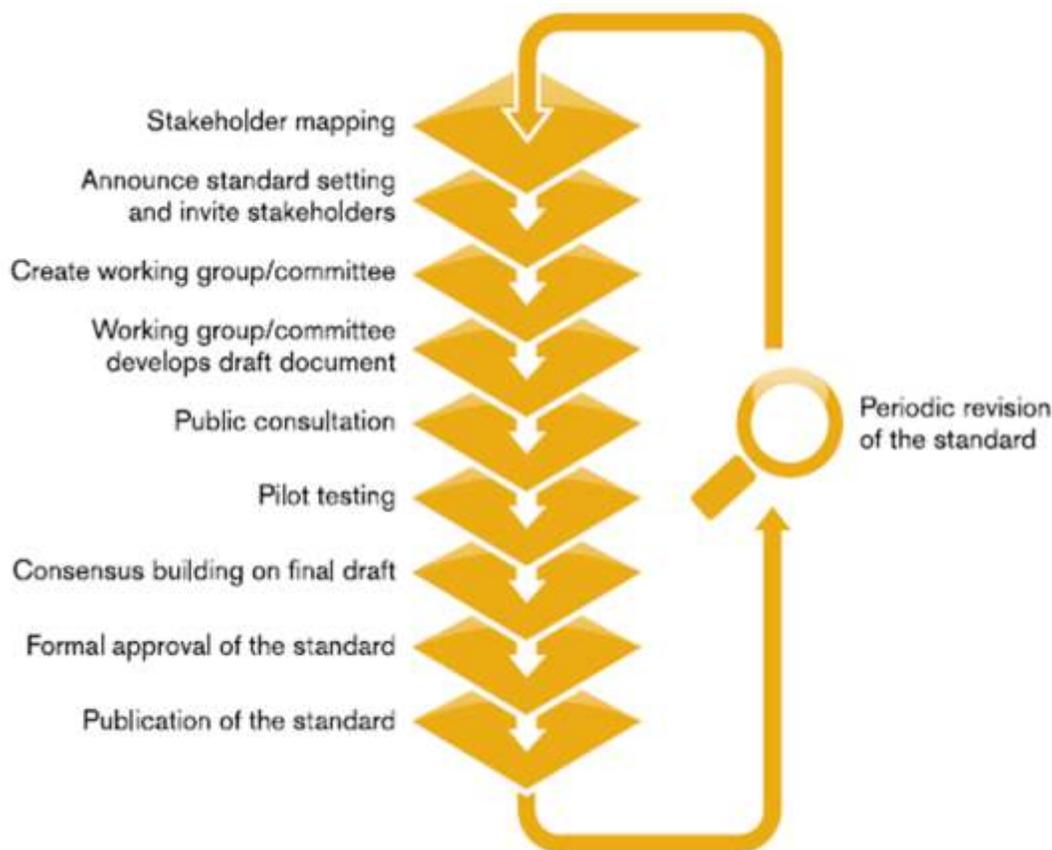
- Promote socially, environmentally and economically responsible forest management;
- Safeguard biological diversity in managed forests including High Conservation Value Forests (HCVFs);
- Respect the ownership and use rights of local communities and indigenous peoples;
- Provide a forum for dialogue between different stakeholders and establish frameworks for resolution of social conflict over utilization of forest resources;
- Ensure transparency of both forest management and the forest products trade;
- Provide a market mechanism allowing companies and consumers to identify and purchase timber and non-timber forest products from well-managed forests;
- Public and private procurement policies increasingly require wood and wood-based products originating from sustainably managed forests. Certification is likely to become part of a companies' license to operate in many countries.

Sustainability Certification Standard Development

1. Forest Management Standard Development

NCCF initiated the process of development of certification standards for Forest Management in 2015 under the chairmanship of Mr. A K Varma, IFS (retd) through multi stakeholder standard development group. The FM standard is India specific; and involve key elements of existing models in India viz the Bhopal India Process of the IIFM, the National Working Plan Code, 2014 and the provisions contained in the National Forest Policy, 1988, for promotion of afforestation, sustainable utilization of forest products and growth of the forest based industries.

The standard was finalised after a series of online and regional consultation workshops at Odisha, Delhi, Assam, Bangalore and three pilot testing at Assam, Karanataka and Madhya Pradesh. The standard was launched on 13th Januray 2018 through National Conference on Forest Certification at New Delhi. The Conference was attended by representatives of Forest Departments and corporations, industry, NGOs and many other stakeholders.



Standard Development Process adopted by NCCF

Members of the Standard Development Group for FM Certification Standard

S. No	Name of Person/ Nodal Representative	Details	Stakeholder Group	Member
1.	Mr. A K Varma	IFS (retd), Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Karnataka State Forest Department		Chairman SDG & TWG
2.	Mr. Suneel Pandey	IFS (retd), Vice President – Raw Materials ITC PSPD	Business and Industry	Member – SDG & TWG
3.	Mr Manu Jose Mattam	Former Director, GICIA, Presently policy manager, FSC International	Business & Industry	Former member, SDG & TWG
4.	Mr. Khumanthem Devabrata Singh	Sun polo	Business and Industry	Member – SDG
5.	Dr. Manmohan Yadav	Associate Professor Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM)	Institute	Member – SDG & TWG
6.	Dr. Rajiv Pandey	Scientist E Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)	Institute	Member- SDG & TWG
7.	Dr. Srikanta K Pangrahi	Director General Indian Institute of Sustainable Development	Institute	Member – SDG
8.	Mr. R C Khuntia	Representative of Building Wood Workers International	Trade and Workers Association	Member – SDG & TWG
9.	Mr. Philip Tapsall	(Former) Director – Sustainable Business, WWF-India.	NGO	Member – SDG & TWG
10.	Ms. Rebecca	(Former) Manager – Sustainable Business , Forestry , WWF- India	NGO	Member- SDG & TWG
11.	Mr. Aditya Petwal	Coordinator, Leaders for Nature, IUCN	NGO	Member – SDG
12.	Mr. Pravir Deshmukh	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	Association	Member – SDG
13.	Mr. A K Bansal	IFS (retd), former Additional Director General of Forests, MoEFCC		Member – SDG
14.	Mr. Akhilesh Singh	Manager- Forestry, IORA Ecological Solutions	Business and Industry	Member – SDG
15.	Mr. Amit Anand	CEO, Carbon Check India Private Limited	Business and Industry	Member – SDG
16.	Mr. Sushil Sehgal	Individual capacity		Member - SDG

17.	Mr. B H Patel	Chairman, Plywood & Allied Product Panel, Chemical and Allied Export Promotion Council of India (CAPEXIL) Patel Wood Syndicate	NGO/ Business and Industry	Member – SDG
18.	Mr. I V Rama Rao	Chair and Managing Director, CIBART	NGO	Member – SDG
19.	Ms. K Rathna	Chief Operating Officer, Center for Indian Bamboo Resource and Technology (CIBART)	NGO	Member – SDG
20.	Late Mr. Sanjeev Vasudev	STADD	NGO	Member- SDG
21.	Ms. Taruna	Manager, Natural Resource Management, GIPL	Business and Industry	Member- SDG
22.	Ms. Deepali Rautela	Assistant Director, NCCF		Member – SDG & TWG
23.	Dr Manish Pande	Joint Director, QCI PADD	Accreditation Body	Member- SDG & TWG
24.	Dr. Sudipto Chatterjee	Assistant Professor, TERI	Institute	Meme- SDG



FM Certification Standard, Pilot Testing, Assam



FM Certification Standard, Consultation Workshop, Odisha



FM Certification Standard, SDG Meeting, New Delhi

Synopsis of the Process

Meeting/Event/Phase	Date
Governing Body, NCCF Meeting	21 st February 2015
Stakeholder Mapping and engagement exercise	
Launch of the NCCF and announcement of the Standard Setting process	16 th March 2015
Stakeholders Mapping and Notifications for Participation	Jan - Feb- March 2015
1 st International and National SDG Meeting	17 th March 2015
Formation of the SDG & TWG Groups	
1 st TWG meeting	13 th April 2015
Creation of Draft Base Document	
2 nd TWG meeting	20 th May 2015
Basic draft of the identified themes was circulated to the members via email	15 th June – 26 th June 2015
3 rd TWG Meeting	4 th July 2015
4 th TWG meeting	25 th August 2015
Online consultation of Theme A	7 th – 20 th September 2015
5 th TWG Meeting	3 rd October 2015
Online consultation of Theme B&C (Principles & Criteria)	18 th -30 th November 2015
6 th TWG meeting	5 th December 2015
Online Theme D, E ,F (Principles & Criteria) And National	22 th - 17 th January 2016
7 th TWG Meeting	30 th January 2016
8 th TWG Meeting	20 th February 2016
Compiled document draft circulation to all the SDG members	14- 16 th March 2016
Extended Stakeholder Outreach Exercise	
EOI to all the members for participation in the Outreach Exercise	7 th April 2016
2 nd SDG Meeting	7 th May 2016
Field visits and outreach exercise	April – June 2016
9 th TWG Meeting	18 th June 2016

10 th TWG	16 th July 2016
Circulation of the Base Draft Version zero to the members for review	27 th July 2016
3 rd SDG Meeting	20 th August 2016
11 th TWG Meeting	23 rd September 2016
Circulation of the Zero Draft for comments from SDG	27 th September 2016
Public Consultation	
Public Consultation of the Draft Standard	3 rd October – 4 th December 2016
Consultation Workshop at Bangalore	25 th October 2016
Consultation Workshop at Odisha	8 th November 2016
12 th TWG Meeting	19 th November 2016
Consultation workshop at Guwahati	8 th December 2016
13 th TWG Meeting	16 th December 2016
Pilot testing	
EOI for participation in the Pilot testing was put on web and circulated via email	January 2017
Liaison with the State Forest Departments	Dec 2016- Jan – Feb 2017
Pilot testing	March 2017
Report preparation and Submission	March 2017
14 th TWG Meeting	19 th May 2017
15 th TWG Meeting	3 rd June 2017
Drafting of the document and circulation of the Final Draft Version 1.1 to	July 2017
4 th SDG Meeting	1 st July 2017
Consensus Building	
	30 th August 2017 - 5 th September 2017
Approval of standard	
Governing Body	9 th September 2017
Launch of the Standard	13 th January 2018

National Conference on Forest Certification on 13th January 2018



NCCF organised National Conference of Forest Certification on 13th January 2018 at The Lalit, Connaught Place, New Delhi. The event marked the release of the India's Internationally Benchmarked Certification Standard for Forest Management and launch of the National Certification Scheme of Forest Management Certification. The conference was inaugurated by Shri C.K. Mishra, Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in presence of dignitaries on the dais Shri Siddhanta Das, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEFCC, Shri Vijai Sharma, Chairman, NCCF, Shri A.K. Srivastava, Honorary Executive Director, NCCF, Dr Alka Bhargava, Joint Secretary (NRM), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, Export Promotions Council for Handicrafts, Ministry of Textiles and Shri Suneel Pandey, Vice President, ITC and Secretary, NCCF. The conference was attended by the representatives from Central Ministries, State Forest Departments, Corporations, Biodiversity Boards, Professional foresters, Research and Academic Institutions, Universities, Industry, Industry Associations, International Organisations, Civil Society Organisations, Accreditation Body, Workers Bodies, Certification Bodies, representatives of print and electronic media.

Glimpse of the Event



2. Trees outside Forests (TOF) Standard Development

Start Date of Project	29 th June 2016
Chairman, SDG&TWG, TOF	Dr Devendra Pandey, ex PCCF & HoFF, Arunachal Pradesh and ex DG, Forest Survey of India
Status of Standard Development	TOF Standard Zero Draft Standard Developed
Meetings	15 Technical Working Group 02 Standard Development Group 01 Stakeholders Consultation Meeting
Stakeholder Categories	Independent Experts, Forestry Professional, Government Representatives, NGOs, Industry, Scientific & Research Organisation, Farmer Representatives, International Funding Agency, International Stakeholders
SDG Members	44
Email	tof.mail@nccf.in

NCCF has taken the initiative to develop standards on Sustainable management of Trees Outside Forests (TOF) under the Chairmanship of Dr. Devendra Pandey.

In India, 95% of the total forest cover is under the ownership of central and state governments. On the contrary, current estimates show that about 85% requirement of wood and wood products in India is met from the trees grown outside forests. The concept of TOF is not new in the country and targeted efforts to promote, expand and increase production from this resource may hold promise. This sector is likely to get benefitted through development of national standards for forest certification and sustainable management of forests/ agroforestry systems. TOF has a significant contribution in fulfilling industrial raw material demand and bringing them in purview of certification will eliminate the market barriers and will formally include TOF in the scope of certification.



NCCF TOF –SDG Meeting, New Delhi



NCCF TOF Meeting with Haryana Forest Department officials, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana

NCCF has constituted a Standard development group (SDG) and has developed the Zero Draft Standard for Trees Outside Forest (NCCF-STD-TOF-00/2018, v0) that will be put for 60 days public consultation on NCCF's website by April 2018. Regional workshops will be simultaneously conducted with the public consultation. Further the standard will be reviewed and revised as per the comments and suggestions received during the public consultation phase.



Agroforestry, (Poplar and Mustard) Yamuna Nagar, Haryana

Objectives of developing the TOF Standard are as follows:

- To enhance and expand the purview of forest certification by bringing the Trees grown outside forest under it.
- To establish framework for certification of small land holders farm forestry and agro-forestry plantations, which are mainly grown for subsistence, food and wood security and identified environmental benefits
- To help farmers manage their trees responsibly so that they are not left out in growing need of certified raw material.
- To help and encourage timber-based industries to include certified TOF raw material in their procurement policies and supply chain management.
- To give consumers an assurance that the product is made from wood coming from responsibly managed TOF.

Field Visits as part of PEFC TOF Pilot Project

1. Telangana, India (14th January 2018)

On 14th January 2018, a visit to the agroforestry and farm forestry operations in Khammam and Vijayawada districts of Telangana State was organised by NCCF and was facilitated by the ITC Paper Specialty and Paperboards (PSPD) division in areas growing pulpwood species in small farm agroforestry setups. It was a part of the NCCF's-TOF Certification Standard development. The visit was also part of the TOF pilot project being done by NCCF in collaboration with PEFC International. The delegates for the visit included Ms Sarah Price (PEFC International), Mr Khitja Boonsri (Thailand Forest Certification Council [TFCC]) and Ms. Taruna (NCCF).

Telangana along with its neighbouring state, Andhra Pradesh, is known for planting pulp and paper wood species including - Eucalyptus spp., Casuarina spp. and Leucaena spp. The farmers prefer growing these species due to the vicinity of Pulp and Paper Mills in this part of the country. During the visit, the team interviewed various farmers, traders and Industry representatives to understand the model in which these industries operate ensuring there is long-term supply for industry-relevant species. It was also found that farmers are choosing commercial tree crops like Eucalyptus, due to low nutrients demand and early returns. ITC, after field trials, promote pulpwood species clones in their catchment region and these are sold to interested farmers at a subsidized price. The promoted clonal species have 3 to 5 times more productivity than the normal seed-based plantations and are disease and termite resistant. Industries, including ITC, depends hugely on the local procurement for the raw material. Many of these industries have got these agroforestry and farm forestry area certified under FSC Forest Management Certification Scheme.

Farmers grow species like Eucalyptus in agroforestry model along with other shrub crops like millets, cotton, pulses, vegetables, etc., in first two years. The team found that farmers in low rainfall area and scarce irrigation facility prefer growing Leucaena spp. whereas Casuarina spp. is mostly grown by large landholdings and/or absentee farmers.

The ITC officials, informed about farmer management using mobile applications. Farmers use the mobile-based application to request the clones, harvesting request, store their land details and maps. The application also helps farmers to stay in with contact ITC's local area in-charge, register their queries, complaints, etc. It connects farmers to ITC's research center, whom farmers can contact in times of any disease outbreak or quality issues. The application also stores data like - date of the plantation, number of trees, clone types, etc., which get stored in a server in ITC head office. ITC uses this data to interpret and estimate potential pulpwood inventory available in the area and estimate the harvesting time. These tree species with 3-4 years of harvesting cycle, provide economic benefits to the farmers at much lesser maintenance cost than the agricultural crops. Industry supports farmers with modern techniques know-how, expert advice and better price whereas farmers ensure a continuous supply of raw material to the industry. Industry directly buys the raw material from the farmers thus ruling out the scope of the middleman and pays farmers agreed price during the time of harvesting. The industry representative also explained that it sometimes becomes a challenge to convince the farmers to plant pulpwood species since they are very enterprising and practicing agriculture for generations.

The team found that it is an ideal example of the symbiotic relationship between industries and farmers. This type of arrangement can also help other wood-based industries to fulfill their raw material requirement and at the same time reducing biotic pressure on the natural forest.



Sarah Price (PEFC International), Khitja Boonsri (Thailand Forest Certification Scheme), Industry representative and Farmers during a discussion on Farm Forestry operations;

2. Yamuna Nagar, India (15th January 2018)

After visiting the pulp and paper belt with Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*), Casuarina (*Casuarina equisetifolia*) and Subabul (*Leucaena leucocephala*) as the primary species in Telangana belt.

On 15th January 2018, a visit to Yamuna Nagar, Haryana was organised by NCCF in collaboration with Haryana Forest Department and Haryana Forest Development Corporation as part of the NCCF's-TOF Certification Standard development. The visit was also part of the TOF pilot project being done by NCCF in collaboration with PEFC International. The delegates for the visit included, Ms Sarah Price (PEFC International), Mr Khitja Boonsri (Thailand Forest Certification Council [TFCC]), Mr Varun Grover (NCCF) and Ms. Taruna.

Yamuna Nagar in the state of Haryana is one of the largest wood markets in the country and a huge source of revenue for wood and wood-based industries, especially from Trees outside forests (TOF). The visit aimed at providing an understanding to the situation of TOF in India, the supply channels and operations. The interactions and meetings during the visit are described below:

The first interactions were with the officials from the Forest Department. Ms Saroj Bala, Superintendent to DFO, Yamuna Nagar and Mr Rampal Singh, RFO, Yamuna Nagar. They showed the approved Working Plan, the legal document which has the working prescriptions for the forest division and other operational practices to be carried out. The team visited various agroforestry models in this area including - bunds plantations, scattered trees, linear plantations on roadside, block plantation and orchards on private land. The area is well irrigated with a perennial river and is famous for being the hub of vegetables, food crops and timber industry. The area has negligible natural forests and has the highest ratio of Trees present outside the forest. The farmers are supported by various forest as well as agriculture department for growing crops and trees in their farmlands. To promote trade of agroforestry species, forest department exempted few species from harvesting and transit permit giving ease of access to trade.

The Yamuna Nagar industrial area is also famous for the plywood and sawmills. All these industries largely depend on the agroforestry products for their production. The plywood industry blossomed here due to the high availability of hardwood species like - Sheesham, Eucalyptus, Poplar, etc. Eventually most of the timber industry based in North and North-western part of the country started depending more on these species. By and large, the industry is unorganized in this region and rely on saw-millers for their industrial supply. The legal origin of the timber and chain of custody remains the

biggest challenge in this area. Industry buys timber from the traders who in turn buy timber from either the farmer or the Agricultural Marketing committee, established by State Agricultural Department. The team visited plywood and sawmill units which were majorly using Eucalyptus and Poplar species for making the plywood and other engineered products. There was lack of knowledge about the existing chain of custody certification schemes in the country, mainly because they the products are manufactured for the domestic market. Team also visited few big landholdings and progressive farmers. They are the pioneer farmers and support small and marginal farmers with the technical interventions, knowledge and existing agricultural regimes and practices in their areas. Founding members of the Farmers welfare cooperatives and associations, these farmers have some of the best agroforestry models in the country.

In addition to this, the team visited wood mandi to understand the trade and supply chain management, auction process, transit permits and other documents used.



Sarah Price (PEFC International), Khitja Boonsri (TFCC) with farmers in Yamuna Nagar, Haryana



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2.	Mr. Suneel Pandey	IFS (retd), Vice President – Raw Materials ITC PSPD	Business and Industry	Member – SDG & TWG
3.	Ms. Deepali Rautela	Assistant Director, NCCF	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
4.	Ms Taruna		Business and Industry	Member – TWG & SDG
5.	Mr Manu Jose Mattam	(former) Manager, Natural Resources, GIPL	Business and Industry	former Member – TWG & SDG
6.	Mr Varun Grover	Group Coordinator	NGO	Group Coordinator Member – TWG & SDG
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10.	Mr Aditya Petwal	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	NGO	Member – SDG
11.	Ms Satabdi Mohapatra	Development Alternatives	NGO	Member – SDG
12.	Mr Rajeev Baruah	Better Cotton Initiative	NGO	Member – SDG
13.	Mr Manish Chandi	Andaman Nicobar Environmental Team	NGO	Member – SDG
14.	Mr A.K. Bansal	Independent Consultant	NGO	Member – SDG
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16.	Dr Amar Prasad	Power Trading Corporation	NGO	Member – SDG
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20.	Dr. Ajoy Bhattacharya	NHAI	Government Department	Member – SDG
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22.	Mr Nischal Gautam	DFO (WP), Forests, Environment & Wildlife Management Department, Govt. of Sikkim	Forestry Professional	Member – SDG
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33.	Mr RB Sinha	South Asia Regional Program, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)	Scientific & Research Organisation	Member- SDG
34.	Dr JV Sharma	Director, TERI	Scientific & Research Organisation	Member- SDG
35.	Dr AK Handa	Principal Scientist (Agroforestry), ICAR- Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi	Scientific & Research Organisation	Member- SDG
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39.	Mr Shergill Hunter	Shergill Farms	Farmers	Member- SDG
40.	Mr Valerie Hara	Hara Farms	Farmers	Member- SDG
41.	Mr Kundan Burnwal	GIZ	International Funding Agency	Member- SDG
42.	Mr Antonio Brunori	PEFC, Italy	International Stakeholders	Member- SDG
43.	Ms Ana Alicia García	Accreditation Body, Mexico	International Stakeholders	Member- SDG
44.	Mr Matthew Reddy	WBCSD, New Delhi	International Stakeholders	Member- SDG

3. Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFP) Standard Development

Start Date of Project	19 th May 2017
Chairman, SDG&TWG, NWFP	Mr AK Bansal, Former Addl. DG Forests, MoEF&CC
Status of Standard Development	Under Development
Meetings	02 Technical Working Group
Stakeholder Mapping	Ongoing
Stakeholder Categories	Individual Technical Experts & Consultants; Business, Industry, Manufacturer & Traders; NGO; Scientific and Technical Organisations/Institutes; Local authorities & Regulatory bodies; Resource owners, users & collectors; International Stakeholders; Forest dependent, local communities & workers; Consumers
SDG Members	35
Email	nwfp.mail@nccf.in

NCCF has initiated the standard development process for development of certification standards for Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs) under the Chairmanship of Mr AK Bansal, IFS (retd) to evolve the extraction and use of the non-wood forest produce resources within the sustainability limits benefitting the forest dwellers, local communities and others involved in collection of NWFPs by establishing a tracking and traceability mechanism for these resources. The commercial opportunities for NWFPs are emerging in the present era and certification can help and promote ease of trade and facilitate market linkage.

The group has had two TWG meetings in which the decisions on scope, structure, components, classification of NWFPs, provisions for forest area and cultivated areas have been made.

CFCC, the PEFC member from China, is doing commendable work in the field of NWFP. Mr Bansal, NWFP SDG Group, Chairman will be visiting, Beijing during the month of June 2018 to seek guidance and support in terms of technical knowledge sharing and their process in the development of the standard.



NCCF NWFP –TWG Meeting, New Delhi

Objectives of developing the NWFP Standard are as follows:

- Ensures NWFP resource sustainability
- Product specific certification to address limits and thresholds values for different plant and animal origin products.
- Maximize socio-economic benefits and benefit sharing with the forest dwellers, local communities and others involved in collection of NWFPs.
- Tracking and traceability mechanism for NWFPs.
- Promote ethical sourcing and enhance brand equity.
- Ensure use traditional knowledge and practices in management of NWFPs resources.
- Sustainable Commercial use of the NWFPs

Members of the Standard Development Group for NWFP

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3.	Ms. Deepali Rautela	NCCF	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
4.	Ms Taruna	GICIA India Pvt Ltd	Business, Industry, Manufacturer & Traders	Member – TWG & SDG
5.	Dr Ajay Kumar Saxena	NCCF	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
6.	Ms Vishaish Uppal	WWF India	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
7.	Ms. Gitika Goswami	Development Alternatives	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
8.	Mr Varun Grover	NCCF	NGO	Group Coordinator Member – TWG & SDG
9.	Dr. B. L. Saraswat	National Bee Board	Local authorities & Regulatory bodies	Member – TWG & SDG
10.	Dr Manish Pande	Quality Council of India	Local authorities & Regulatory bodies	Member – TWG & SDG
11.	Ms. Jyotsna Sitling	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Local authorities & Regulatory bodies	Member – TWG & SDG
12.	Mr SS Maity	TRIFED	Local authorities & Regulatory bodies	Member – TWG & SDG
13.	Dr Manmohan Yadav	IIFM	Scientific and Technical Organisations/Institutes	Member – TWG & SDG

14.	Mr Yogesh Gokhale	TERI	Scientific and Technical Organisations/Institutes	Member – TWG & SDG
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17.	Mr Pranab Ranjan Choudhury	NR Management Consultants Pvt Ltd	Business, Industry, Manufacturer & Traders	Member – TWG & SDG
18.	Mr Sanjay Srivastava	Maharishi Ayurveda	Business, Industry, Manufacturer & Traders	Member – TWG & SDG
19.	Mr Jogindra Kumar	Independent Consultant	Individual Technical Experts & Consultants	Member – TWG & SDG
20.	Dr BP Nonhare	CG State Minor Forest Produce Cooperative Federation	Resource owners, users & collectors	Member – TWG & SDG
21.	Dr Devendra Pandey	Chairman, TOF, NCCF	Individual Technical Experts & Consultants	Member – SDG
22.	Mr AK Varma	Chairman, SFM, NCCF	Individual Technical Experts & Consultants	Member – SDG
23.	Mr Sushil Saigal	The Nature Conservancy	Individual Technical Experts & Consultants	Member – SDG (Individual Capacity)
24.	Mr Bhushan Patil	Planet Organica	Business, Industry, Manufacturer & Traders	Member – SDG
25.	Mr Kishor Rithe	Satpuda Foundation	NGO	Member – SDG
26.	Mr Susanta Kumar Balabantaray	PRASTUTEE	NGO	Member – SDG
27.	Mr Anand Ethirajalu	ISHA OUTREACH	NGO	Member – SDG
28.	Mr SR Azad	MP Vigyan Sabha	NGO	Member – SDG
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35.	Dr Paramjit Singh	Botanical Survey of India (BSI)	Scientific and Technical Organisations/Institutes	Member – SDG

4. Protected Areas and Wetlands (PAWs) Standard Development

Start Date of Project	25 th August 2017
Chairman, SDG&TWG, PAWs	Dr Jagdish Kishwan, Former: PCCF & HoFF, Jammu & Kashmir DG, ICFRE and Chancellor FRI University Addl. DG Wildlife, MoEFCC
Status of Standard Development	Under Development
Meetings	02 Technical Working Group
Stakeholder Mapping	Ongoing
Stakeholder Categories	Legal & Technical Experts, NGOs, Local authorities Scientific & research institutions/organisations, Tourism Service Providers, Forest department, Business and Industry Standard setting bodies, Certification bodies, Media, Tourists
SDG Members	25
Email	paws.mail@nccf.in

NCCF has also initiated the Standard Development process for certification standard development for Protected Areas and Wetlands (PAWs) under the Chairmanship of Dr. Jagdish Kishwan. India is committed to mainstream National Biodiversity Targets 2012-2020 and the PAWs Standard is a voluntary step in that direction to develop a robust and comprehensive institutional mechanism for scientific monitoring of the health of Protected Areas. NCCF's objective for certification Standard development for PAWs is to put in place a simple, usable and generic certification standard applicable to complete range of PAs, Conservation Areas and wetlands in the country without undermining existence and significance of existing Standards.

The group has had two TWG meetings in which the decisions on scope, structure, components, important and relevant stakeholders and the further drafting of the standard have been decided. The group took a stand on the NCCF-PAWs Standard and NCCF-FM Standard, both being independent of each other.



NCCF NWFP –TWG Meeting, New Delhi

Objectives of developing the PAWs Standard are as follows:

- To encourage the standardization of the conservation and protection measures and expand the ambit of relevance of the conservation standards
- To establish local framework with international benchmarks for ease of assessment and a third-party voluntary verification of the efficacy of the management practices being followed
- To serve as a baseline assessment tool for efficacy of management practices, as a tool to assess viability of a conservation project proposal along with its funding mechanism, and as a guidance for landscape level conservation
- To help PAWs managers with objective assessment of their project areas
- To adapt, mould and merge different standards existent in the domain and evolve a generally applicable M&E framework
- To develop a scoring system to quantify various assessment parameters and homogenise the evaluation system

Members of the Standard Development Group for PAWs

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5.	Dr Ajay Kumar Saxena	NCCF	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
6.	Dr Rahul Kaul	Wildlife Trust of India	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
7.	Dr Saket Badola	TRAFFIC India	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
8.	Dr Dipankar Ghose	WWF India	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
9.	Mr Aditya Petwal	IUCN India	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
10.	Mr Ashish Bhardwaj	Alliance for Water Stewardship	NGO	Member – TWG & SDG
11.	Mr Varun Grover	NCCF	NGO	Group Coordinator Member – TWG & SDG
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13.	Dr Deepak Apte	Bombay Natural History Society	Scientific & Research Institutions	Member – TWG & SDG

14.	Dr. Pankaj Srivastava	IIFM	Scientific & Research Institutions	Member – TWG & SDG
15.	Member Secretary	National Tiger Conservation Authority	Government authorities	Member – TWG & SDG
16.	Dr Debabrata Swain	IFS (rettd.), Former MS, NTCA	Independent Consultant	Member – TWG & SDG
17.	Mr Rashid Naqash	J&K Forest Department	Forest department	Member – TWG & SDG
18.	Dr Asad Rahmani	Independent Consultant	Legal & Technical Experts	Member – SDG
19.	Ms Rajasree Ray	Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance	Government authorities	Member – SDG
20.	Mr T Rabikumar	National Biodiversity Authority	Government authorities	Member – SDG
21.	Ms Seema Bhatt	Independent Consultant	Legal & Technical Experts	Member – SDG
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25.	Mr A.G. Untawale	Mangrove Society of India	NGO	Member – SDG
26.		SAI Sanctuary	NGO	Member – SDG
27.	Rajesh Puttaswamaiah	Bat Conservation India Trust	NGO	Member – SDG
28.	Dr Ritesh Kumar	Wetlands International South Asia	NGO	Member – SDG
29.	Mr Kedar Gore	The Corbett Foundation	NGO	Member – SDG
30.	Ms Ritu Makhija	TOFT Tigers Initiative	Tourism Service Providers	Member – SDG

Policy Advocacy and Research

Strategy paper on achieving the 33 % forest cover in India

NCCF had submitted a draft strategy paper to MoEF&CC on strategy to achieve 33% forest cover in India. The paper highlighted the present scenario of the land use and proposed potential policy changes for achieving the 33% forest cover in India.

TOF Expert Committee

In order to formulate a strategy to increase the green cover/tree cover outside recorded forest areas (Tree Outside Forests) and particularly agroforestry, MoEFCC had constituted a high-level Committee in January 2018 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Abhijit Ghose, IFS (retd). Mr. Sachin Raj Jain, Treasurer, Mr. Suneel Kumar Pandey, Secretary and Mr. A K Srivastava, Executive Director, NCCF were members of this committee. NCCF actively participated in all the meeting and the contribution was duly acknowledged. Further, NCCF extended secretarial support the chairman in the final formatting and compilation of the committee report.

Draft Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules 2018

The MoEFCC vide its notification G.S.R. 172(E) dated 16th February 2018 had invited comments/suggestions of the stakeholders on the draft Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018. NCCF submitted its comments on the draft Rules. The NCCF's comments/suggestions were on the provisions, concerning sustainable forest management, compensatory afforestation, regeneration of degraded forests, wildlife management, managing human-wildlife conflicts, development of infrastructure of forest departments, strengthening of institutions, setting up centres of excellence and standard setting and many more.

Draft National Forest Policy 2018

The MoEFCC vide notification F. No. 1-1/2012-FP (Vol.4) dated 14th March 2018 had invited comments/suggestions from the stakeholders on the draft National Forest Policy, 2018. NCCF had submitted comments on the different provisions under the revised policy draft.

Assistance to the Nepal Certification Standard Development Process

Nepal is in process of developing their nation specific forest certification scheme. In this regard, Mr. Sachin Raj Jain, Convener NCCF visited the office of Green Foundation Nepal (GFN) to guide them about the standard development process. As a part of this continued support, a representative from the GFN visited the NCCF office to understand the system requirements and the development process. Further, Mr. Sachin Raj Jain, convener, on behalf of NCCF, visited the GFN office to provide them support and way forward for their standard development process. The NCCF continues to provide the support to their Standard Development Process.

PEFC Photo Contest, “Experience Forests, Experience Life”

PEFC held an international photo contest, titled “Experience Forests, Experience PEFC”. NCCF conducted and managed the Indian leg of the contest. Around 400 photographs entered the contest from India from a total of 11,000 photographs from across the participating countries. Top 5 India photographs shortlisted by the jury were sent for the international round and 2 Indian photographs featured in the top 12 International Winners and were part of the PEFC 2018 Calendar. The two photographs are Tangled Trunks by Ms Anuradha Marwah and Woodsy Fancy by Mr Somenath Mukhopadhyay.

The jury for the contest were Dr Asad R Rahmani and Mr Dhritiman Mukherjee. Dr Rahmani, has been an eminent conservationist, avid photographer and have authored several books on ornithology, wetlands, Ramsar sites, wildlife conservation and biodiversity of India. Mr Mukherjee, at a young age, has achieved the distinction of being a nature and wildlife photographer of international acclaim. Both of them have won numerous awards for conservation efforts and photography. The book “Magical Biodiversity of India” co-authored by them makes an interesting and enlightening reading.



Photographer	Anuradha Marwah
Title of Photograph	Tangled Trunks
Location	Dhikala, Corbett National Park, Uttarakhand, India
Position	First
Description	Matriarchal elephant family group at sunrise, where two young bulls tusks entwined in play-fighting, joust in preparation for real battles ahead when they will fight for mates and territories. A combination of majestic yet raw power, family-bonding & animal-emotions, these extraordinary gentle giants are fascinating to observe & sight to behold.



Photographer	Somenath Mukhopadhyay
Title of Photograph	Woodsy Fancy
Location	Birbhum, West Bengal, India
Position	Second
Description	Forests take us by wings of fancy. This village girl roaming nearby with her herd of cows in a roadside forest saw the carpenter who makes hand-made furniture in makeshift and sells them to villagers. This girl fancifully eyeing at herself in the carpenter's mirror is perhaps a symbol of connecting a common man's dream with the world of forest.



Photographer	Sirsendu Gayen
Title of Photograph	Morning Mist
Location	Neora Valley National Park, Kalimpong, West Bengal, India
Position	Third
Description	Forests and woodlands are full of possibilities and here I used the monochrome, mist and a mysterious figure to create a contained sense of narrative and tension.



Photographer	Pranab Basak
Title of Photograph	Surrender to Green
Location	Jorpokhri Wildlife Sanctuary, Darjeeling, India
Position	Fourth
Description	Off bit outskirts of Leptcha Jagat, Darjeeling is a virgin place of green forest in high altitude. A total surrender to feel the essence of green earth.



Photographer	Anudeep Agrawal
Title of Photograph	Flying Tiger
Location	Bandhavgarh National Park, Madhya Pradesh, India
Position	Fifth
Description	Seldom you witness such incredible moment in wild where tiger just takes blink of an eye to cover more than 15 feet before he vanishes in the thick blanket. I was super lucky was able to capture this moment. Real test of the patience when one has to wait for almost two and half hour in 42 degrees, finally paid off - Thanks to Mother Nature.

Participation in Conferences and Meetings

Commonwealth Forestry Conference

The 19th Commonwealth Forestry Conference was held at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, India from 3rd to 7th April, 2017. The theme of the conference was “Forests for Prosperity and Posterity”. NCCF – PEFC were among the sponsors of the event. The 5 day four yearly event served as a key forum for nearly 700 participants from commonwealth countries, representing professional foresters, government agencies managing the forests, policy makers, corporate houses, PSUs, NGOs, leading forestry research and academic institutions on a single platform to discuss and deliberate on the emerging broader and new perspectives in managing the world’s forests, in view of the magnified global expectations towards the role of forests in addressing the sustainable development goals.



Shri. Vijai Sharma, IAS (retd), Chairman NCCF at CFC 2017

Shri. Vijai Sharma, IAS (retd), Chairman NCCF attended the conference as a keynote speaker in the plenary session of the CFC 2017 and chaired the technical session on the Forest Resource Assessment and Monitoring. In his key note address, he emphasised the need of strengthening partnerships amongst the Forest Departments, R & D institutions, industry, financial sector, farmer groups, certification agencies, Joint Forest Management committees and forest dwellers to achieve the goals of sustainable forest management. Further referring the existing and in process International Treaties like Bali action Plan and Kyoto Protocol, he added that agroforestry could be one of the keys to attaining sustainable development goals.

NCCF actively participated in the technical and poster presentation sessions. Shri A.K. Srivastava, IFS (retd), Executive Director (Honorary), NCCF presented his paper “Forest certification as a promotion tool for Sustainable Forest Management” and chaired the session on “Biodiversity, Forests and People”.



Dr Devendra Pandey, IFS (retd), Chairman, SDG TOF Certification Standard, NCCF at CFC 2017

Mr Avani Kumar Varma, Chairman, SDG, FM Certification Standard, NCCF attended the CFC2017 and contributed his ideas in the plenary and technical sessions. He also made a poster presentation on Forest Certification as a tool of SFM. Dr Devendra Pandey, IFS (retd), Chairman, SDG TOF Certification Standard chaired the session on the Contribution of Forests towards Sustainable Development Goals.

During CFC 2017, NCCF also held a meeting with Dr Tony Simons, Director General, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), Nairobi and Dr. Javed Rizvi, ICRAF India Office, on 2nd April 2017, to explore the prospects of a collaborative arrangement between the ICRAF and NCCF on the areas of common interest. NCCF requested Dr. Simons to extend professional support to NCCF in developing the Certification standards for the Trees outside Forests (TOF) and nominate his representative on the Standard Development Group (SDG) of TOF. He assured full professional support of ICRAF to NCCF in this endeavour.



United Nations Forum on Forests Event

NCCF in joint collaboration with TERI participated in the two side events at the 12th session of UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) from 1-5 May 2017 at UN Headquarters, New York.

Side Event 1 : Issues and Challenges for implementing Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) in India: 01 May 2017

Mr Sachin Raj Jain presented the 'Status of Forest Certification in India'. He highlighted the role and the status of the Forest Certification in India. He explained that in a country like India, which ranks seventh in terms of its geographical area and second in terms of its population in the world, faces several threats and pressures on its forest resources. He further stated that Forest Certification is a market based non-regulatory conservation tool designed to recognize and promote responsible forest management.

He explained that through forest certification, timber harvest planning and practices are evaluated by an independent third party, according to standards that address environmental protection as well as social and economic welfare. Mr Jain also explained the detailed process of Forest Certification in India and the available certification schemes. He then linked it to India's NDC target of creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030. He ended his presentation highlighting the issues and challenges with the Forest Certification process in the country.

Side Event 2 : Opportunities for mitigating Climate Change through the forestry sector in India: 02 May 2017

Mr. Sachin Raj Jain, stated that forests are national resource of global concern. He said that the forests particularly in developing countries like India are under rapid rates of deforestation and degradation. Thus in-order to capture drivers of forest degradation, the global community has shown the window of forest-based carbon financing through Afforestation Reforestation Clean Development Mechanism (AR-CDM) and Reduced Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) which should be used to its fullest potential.

4th National Standards Conclave

Department of Commerce, GoI, in collaboration with CII, BIS, EIC, and NABCB organised 4th Standards Conclave on 01-02 May 2017 at New Delhi. The objective of the conclave was to finalise an outcome document on National Strategy for Standards. Mr Manu Jose Mattam, made a presentation on topic 'National Standard System: Need for Forest Management & Forest Certification in India'. The presentation included, information about forests and major threats to them, about forest certification, need of forest certification, existing forest certification schemes, status of forest certification in India, challenges to forest certification and initiatives of NCCF.

Meeting with representatives of Ministry of Commerce and Industry

On 19th May 2017, representatives from NCCF held a meeting at New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Joint Secretary, DoC to seek nomination of a representative from Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The meeting was titled “Introduction of Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF) standard setting body”. NCCF had earlier submitted a draft policy paper on “Promoting sustainable trade of wood and wood-based products in India”.



Shri Sudhanshu Pandey Joint Secretary, DoC chairing the meeting with NCCF representatives and other invitees

The presentation highlighted that the objectives of NCCF to develop certification system, provide link between responsible production and responsible consumption of forest products, to promote responsible trade in forestry sector and bridge the gap between policy makers and practitioners on issue of forest management. The various components of Forest Certification and the standard development process were explained, data on wood products and import of logs vs. non-logs was also highlighted concluding that value creation is declining. The chair highlighted the importance of responsible trade free and traceability in forest-based industry and sought clarifications on a few topics, which NCCF had responded to.

Other than representatives of Department of Commerce and NCCF, the meeting was attended by representatives from Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmer Welfare, Centre of WTO Studies, IIFT, BIS and NABCB. Later, the Ministry of Commerce nominated their representative in the NCCF ongoing activities.

Industry Standard Roundtable

QCI in collaboration with UL organised a roundtable discussion on 'Marching ahead with Standards for Make in India' on 24th May 2017 at New Delhi.

The major points of discussion were around, the present status of work done on standards; how are industry associations preparing for building market competitiveness to combat; the new technologies internationally emerging in the industry and preparations for effective reach of benefit to large consumer base; industry associations facing challenges in addressing concerns of MSME sector especially w.r.t. to quality improvement implementation; standards and quality initiatives government should do to help particular industry association for building market competitiveness and lastly support and help organizations like QCI, UL and others can provide.

World Accreditation Day

QCI in association with NABET, NABCB, organised the World Accreditation Day themed as, 'Accreditation: Delivering Confidence in Construction and the Built Environment' on 9th June 2017 at New Delhi. NCCF was invited to present a session on "Relevance & Value of Accreditation: Certification Scheme for Wood Products used in Construction". Mr. Manu Jose Mattam representing NCCF discussed about wood, its properties and constructional benefits, uses of wood in construction, Indian wood species used in construction, quality and process standards associated with building and construction and aspects of sustainability for the construction sector.

IUCN South Asia Regional Consultation on Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR)

The IUCN India in partnership with MoEF&CC and ICFRE under the Bonn Challenge, organised a two day South Asia Regional Consultation on Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR): Challenges, Opportunities and Way Forward towards the Bonn Challenge Pledge from 29-30 August 2017 at New Delhi. Mr. Varun Grover participated in the consultation from NCCF.

The Bonn Challenge is a global effort to bring 150 million hectares of the world's deforested and degraded land into restoration by 2020, and 350 million hectares by 2030. Underlying the Bonn Challenge is the forest landscape restoration (FLR) approach, which aims to restore ecological integrity at the same time as improving human well-being through multifunctional landscapes.

A total of 85 delegates from India, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh attended the consultation. The two-day consultation provided a forum for countries to:

- Showcase the progress they had made on their restoration commitments, both national and towards the Bonn Challenge
- Share their experiences on restoration, with a special focus on the tools, financial mechanisms

and policies developed to support forest landscape restoration

- Identify gaps in communication, technical support and partnerships needed to accelerate action on forest landscape restoration.
- Exchange key lessons on restoring unique ecosystems, such as mountains, grasslands and mangroves.
- Explore the need for a regional platform on forest landscape restoration for inter-country cooperation and promotion of trans-boundary knowledge sharing.

Day 1

Session 1 : Priorities and Progress - Key Issues from Restoration Experiences in South Asia

Session 2 : Panel discussion on best practices in restoration, opportunities and challenges – perspectives from Indian States

Session 3 : Sharing of restoration experiences from non-governmental agencies

Day 2

Session 4 : Tools, Techniques and Policies - enabling environment for Forest landscape restoration programmes

Session 5 : Forest Landscape Restoration – Finance and Partnerships

The consultation was a landmark event that brought together government representatives, non-governmental organisations, private sector representatives and bilateral and multilateral agencies from India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. It significantly increased awareness in the region on the benefits of forest landscape restoration and the role that the Bonn Challenge can play as a platform for accelerating restoration, meeting national priorities and fulfilling international commitments, while helping the countries who have committed towards the Bonn Challenge pledge to start discussing the progress they have made towards their respective pledges.



Participants at the IUCN South Asia Regional Consultation on Forest Landscape Restoration

12th National Quality Conclave

The Quality Council of India conducts its flagship program annually named as National Quality Conclave. The 12th National Quality Conclave was organised on 21-22 September 2017 at New Delhi, themed on “Leveraging Quality to drive Economic and Social Development”. It was of a two-day event with 2 plenary sessions and multiple concurrent sessions on the second day. Mr. Piyush Goyal, Railway Minister, India, inaugurated the session. Ms. Deepali Rautela, Assistant Director, NCCF attended the conclave representing NCCF.

The major focus of the whole conclave, in line with the theme, was –

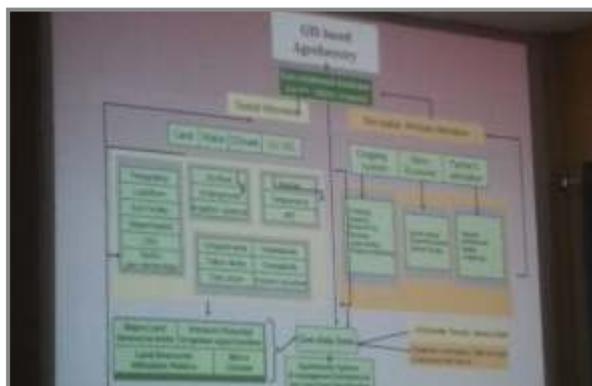
- To highlight the need of the quality standards and certification in the economic and social growth of the company
- QCI contribution via its initiatives (PSS etc.) in raising the quality standards of the country
- Quality contribution and benefits in the upliftment of the MSMEs.

Workshop at CAFRI, Jhansi

The Central Agroforestry Research Institute (CAFRI), organised a one day workshop on Assessment of Agroforestry Area in India at Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh on 6th October 2017. The workshop aimed at finding the methods in practice for Assessment of Agroforestry Areas in India. Several organisations are currently working in this domain: FSI, NRSC and CAFRI. Currently, there are variations in this assessment as different agencies carry out the assessment as per their methods.

To achieve the 33% FTC target, the areas outside the designated forests area are crucial and will contribute towards increasing the tree cover. Agroforestry is an alternate land use system, with both horizontal/vertical approaches possible, income and employment generation, increasing the farm income and also having important role in ecosystem services and values. Thus, an accurate assessment of this area will only help in knowing the resource and land use potential.

To have a single agroforestry area figure, the need is to come to a universally accepted method or to harmonise the existing methods for the assessment and estimation of the Agroforestry areas in the country.



Centre For Responsible Business (CRB) Conference

The three-day Annual flagship conference of CRB India and Sustainability Standards: International Dialogue & Conference (ISS) themed on “From Tragedies of the Commons, To the Strategizes of the Commons” was held on 15-17 November 2017 at IHC, New Delhi. Ms. Deepali Rautela from NCCF attended the Conference Session.

International AROGYA 2017

Ministry of AYUSH, along with Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, FICCI, Pharmexcil and FEDMAPS organised the first edition of International AROGYA 2017 on 4-7 December 2017 at New Delhi, an International Exhibition & Conference themed on AYUSH & Wellness. The event showcased the AYUSH systems and the linkages with industry.

The event had delegates from 71 countries and these were buyers, AYUSH/Wellness practitioners, buyers/importers of AYUSH products, government officials from Ministry of Health from the identified countries, CEOs of leading Industries, regulators from few countries and medical trade journalists.

The event had exhibitors from a diverse set of stakeholders ranging from, ayurvedic products, health tourism, yoga & naturopathy products, spa and wellness centers, unani medicines, herbal foods, sidha medicines, organic products, homoeopathic medicines, dealers and exporters of medicinal plants and other raw materials, medicinal plants, machinery and equipment manufacturers of AYUSH products, food supplements, research institutions, health insurance, health & nutrition supplements, therapies (herbal, panchkarma etc.), health tourism, books & publications, NGOs, AYUSH hospitals, AYUSH medical colleges, etc.



Team NCCF at International Arogya 2017, New Delhi



NCCF participated in the event to gather knowledge and information about the AYUSH sector, interacted with the stakeholders relevant for the NWFP certification standard development process, stakeholders dealing with medicinal plants, cultivators, etc. Other regulatory information other details relevant to the sector.

Mr AK Bansal (Chairperson, NCCF-NWFP Certification Standard Development Group) at International Arogya 2017, New Delhi

Presentation at Amity University

On 9th February 2018 Mr A K Srivastava made a presentation at the One-week Compulsory Training Course for Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officers at Amity University, Noida themed on Critical Issues of Eco-Tourism Initiatives in Forest Area beyond Protected Areas.

In his presentation and discussion, he talked about ecotourism, laws, legislations and guidelines, key elements of ecotourism, issues and challenges prevalent in the sector, ecotourism in core/critical tiger habitats/ critical wildlife habitats and way forward.

QCI Workshop on Accreditation Scheme for Standard Development Organizations in India

Quality Council of India in collaboration with UL, organised a workshop on 'Standards Development Organization Accreditation' on 9th March 2018 at New Delhi.

The workshop aimed at informing about QCI's Accreditation Scheme for the Standard Development Organizations in India. QCI had announced of the Accreditation Scheme in June 2016 and launched it in March 2018. QCI's Accreditation Scheme is based on WTO-TBT Annex Code of Good Practice, ISO/IEC Guide 59, ISO/IEC Guide 2: 2004 and Accreditation of SDO Canada. The technical sessions carried out interactive discussions on the details of the QCI Accreditation Scheme. Ms. Deepali Rautela, Assistant Director and Mr. Varun Grover, Group Coordinator, represented the NCCF in the workshop and made their observations.

PEFC Week

Mr Suneel Pandey, NCCF Secretary, participated in the Annual PEFC Forest Certification Week from 13-17 November 2017 in Helsinki, Finland with the theme "Help Make Certification SMART". The week focussed on the technological interventions in the field of Certification to improve the accessibility and credibility of the process.

Participation in the PEFC ToF and SFM revision Task Force

NCCF is part of the Working Groups of PEFC formed for revision of the PEFC SFM and other scheme standards. PEFC has further initiated the process of development of Tree outside forests standard development through a separate Task Force. NCCF is member of the working groups and Task forces. Mr. Sachin Raj Jain, Convener, NCCF, nominated representative of NCCF has been actively participating in the whole process providing/ representing the views from the Indian context taking into consideration the NCCF ToF standard development process as well.

Acknowledgement

The Governing Body of NCCF thank the NCCF's members, employees, stakeholders, civil society organizations, research and academic institutions and international bodies for their consistent support. The Governing Body also thank the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, State Forest Departments of various states in India and various government and non-government agencies for their support and cooperation. The Governing Body appreciates and values the contributions made by every member of the NCCF family. We solicit your cooperation and guidance in our future endeavours too.

Financial Statements

NETWORK FOR CERTIFICATION AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS

Balance Sheet For The Year Ending 31.03.2018

Particulars	Schedule	As on 31.03.2018 (Rs.)	As on 31.03.2017 (Rs.)
SOURCES OF FUNDS :			
Income & Expenditure A/c	1	(7,036,545.52)	(3,518,573.85)
Development of National Certification and Standard		198,643.00	198,643.00
Loan Fund:			
Green Initiatives Certification & Inspection Agency / Sachin Raj Jain		1,398,144.00	1,398,144.00
SARA Abode Pvt. Ltd.		40,000.00	
GICIA India Private Limited		4,574,816.00	121,197.00
Total Funds		(824,942.52)	(1,800,589.85)
APPLICATION OF FUNDS :			
Fixed Assets			
Computer		19,485.80	48,714.00
Less: Depreciation		7,794.00	29,228.40
		11,691.80	19,485.80
Sound Recorder		7,650.00	9,000.00
Less: Depreciation		1,148.00	1,350.00
		6,502.00	7,650.00
		18,193.60	27,135.60
Current Assets, Loans & Advances			
Fees Receivable	2	173,750.00	73,750.00
Prepaid Membership Fees Expense		421,859.03	314,370.83
Pre-Paid Expenses		14,404.00	-
Security Deposit - Feather Infotech Pvt. Ltd.		100,000.00	-
Cash in Hand		6,473.00	2,379.00
Andhra Bank A/c 4544		67,225.00	49,793.00
Andhra Bank A/c 6930		9,741.00	148,643.00
(A)		793,452.03	588,935.63
Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions:			
Expenses Payable & Creditors	3	1,574,259.15	2,387,539.08
Duties & Taxes	4	62,329.00	29,122.00
Amount Received in Advanced	5	-	-
(B)		1,636,588.15	2,416,661.08
NET CURRENT ASSETS (A - B)		(843,136.12)	(1,827,725.45)
Total Funds		(824,942.52)	(1,800,589.85)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our Report of even date.

AUDITORS REPORT:

"In terms of our report of even date annexed hereto"

For and on behalf of
K K JAISWAL & CO.
Chartered Accountants

For NETWORK FOR CERTIFICATION AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS

(Kamlesh Kr. Jaiswal)
Proprietor
Place : Noida
Date: 03/08/2018(Mr. Vijal Sharma) (Mr. Sunoel Pandey) (Mr. Sachin Jain)
Chairman Secretary Treasurer

NETWORK FOR CERTIFICATION AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS**Income & Expenditure Account For The Year Ending 31.03.2018**

Particulars	As On 31.03.2018 (Rs.)	As On 31.03.2017 (Rs.)
Income		
Admission Fees- (Subscriber Mem.)	-	2,000.00
Admission Fees- (Associate Mem.)	-	18,000.00
Admission Fees- (Institutional Mem.)	-	2,000.00
Admission Fees- (Ordinary Mem.)	-	8,000.00
Annual Subscription Fees (Associate Mem.)	-	2,000.00
Annual Subscription Fees (Institutional Mem.)	40,000.00	40,000.00
Annual Subscription Fees (Subscriber Mem.)	25,000.00	20,000.00
Annual Subscription Fees (Ordinary Mem.)	65,000.00	80,000.00
Life Time Mem. Fees (Associate Mem.)	-	190,000.00
Life Time Mem. Fees (Ordinary Mem.)	-	125,000.00
Life Time Mem. Fees (Subscriber Mem.)	-	150,000.00
5 Years Membership Fees (Ordinary Mem.)	20,000.00	-
Donation	150,000.00	149,000.00
Foreign Exchange Fluctuation	6,477.10	5,133.68
Programs For Endorsement Of Forest Cert. (PEFC)	45,242.00	-
Interest Received	1,644.00	-
	353,363.10	791,133.68
Expenditure		
Standard Development Group Expenses	234,666.00	76,783.69
Accreditation Committee Meeting	-	4,039.00
Annual General Meeting	-	26,284.90
Governing Board Meeting Exp.	18,663.00	6,015.23
Internal Meeting	-	3,765.00
Audit Fees	20,000.00	20,000.00
Conveyance Exp.	-	200,008.00
Conference & Events	425,000.00	-
Salary	1,209,300.00	1,040,684.00
Maintenance Exp. (Feather Info.P Ltd.)	181,932.00	52,045.00
Tour & Travelling Expense	519,294.59	204,279.71
Membership Fees Exp.	454,990.31	615,060.15
Rent Exp. (Feather Info.P Ltd.)	521,520.00	149,191.00
Interest On TDS	2,399.00	3,638.00
Sponsorship Fees	-	125,000.00
Office Expense	-	1,690.00
Telephone & Internet Exp.	32,725.00	9,488.00
Printing & Stationery	15,453.00	54,432.00
Professional Fees	140,000.00	84,000.00
Bank Charges	2,365.00	1,331.00
Web Designing	5,640.00	9,771.00
Festival Expenses	55,175.00	-
R/Off	1.87	4.45
GST Registration Charges	3,000.00	-
Technical and Software Expenses	20,248.00	-
Depreciation	8,942.00	30,578.40
	3,071,334.77	2,718,088.53
Excess of Income over Expenditure	(3,517,971.67)	(1,926,954.85)

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