

Background

- PhD (Silviculture); M.Phil (Mensuration & Inventory); B.Sc. (Hons) (Silviculture & Forest Management).
- FGhIF, MCFA, MATBC, GACON.
- Career spanning about 30 years of scientific research, with research interests in Natural forest/Plantation Silviculture and Management, Forest Growth and Yield modelling, Forest Biomass and Carbon Inventory, Forest Landscape Restoration and Climate change Mitigation & Adaptation.
- Through work with IUFRO and FORNESSA - coordinated various collaborative research activities in Ghana and the sub-region (Malawi, Nigeria, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Liberia, etc).

Background

- Worked with IUFRO on strengthening science-policy interface in forestry, climate change and sustainable development.
- Contributed to the publication of a **regional synthesis** of scientific information to provide the scientific basis for a **Policy Brief for African leaders on “Climate change impacts on forests and people in Africa, and options for adaptation”**.
- Also worked on several REDD+ activities with IUCN and prepared a **Policy Brief on REDD+ Benefit Sharing**, etc.
- Member of the IUFRO Taskforce on **Foresight for Forest Sector Planning** to develop the IUFRO Strategy 2019-2024, and its activities at the science-policy interface.
- Will bring this experience on board to contribute to the preparation of the GSDR, especially Goals 13 and 15.

Climate Change Impacts on African Forests and People

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POLICY BRIEF

Making African forests fit for climate change

A REGIONAL VIEW OF CLIMATE-CHANGE IMPACTS ON FORESTS AND PEOPLE, AND OPTIONS FOR ADAPTATION

Ideas on possible approach to the GSDR

- Crowd-sourcing: using internet, FORNESSA/FORNIS, IUFRO, CFA, etc.
- Literature review.
- Link up with professional contacts and networks in the sub-region and academic institutions for published information/data.
- Information from UN sources (UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, etc) and others (CIFOR, IUFRO, World Bank, etc).

Thematic contribution to the GSDR

- Depending on the agreed format, but assuming adoption of past GSDR templates, will contribute (mostly from the African perspective) to:
 - Assessments of science-policy interface;
 - Trends and review of progress/sustainable development scenarios;
 - New and emerging issues/cross-cutting issues;
 - Synthesis of regional and national SD reports.
- Actual contribution will crystallize as we elaborate our vision, conceptual framework and strategy for the GSDR and work closely to make the pipe dream a reality.