



Making Forest and Landscape Restoration Operational:

FAO's FLR Mechanism

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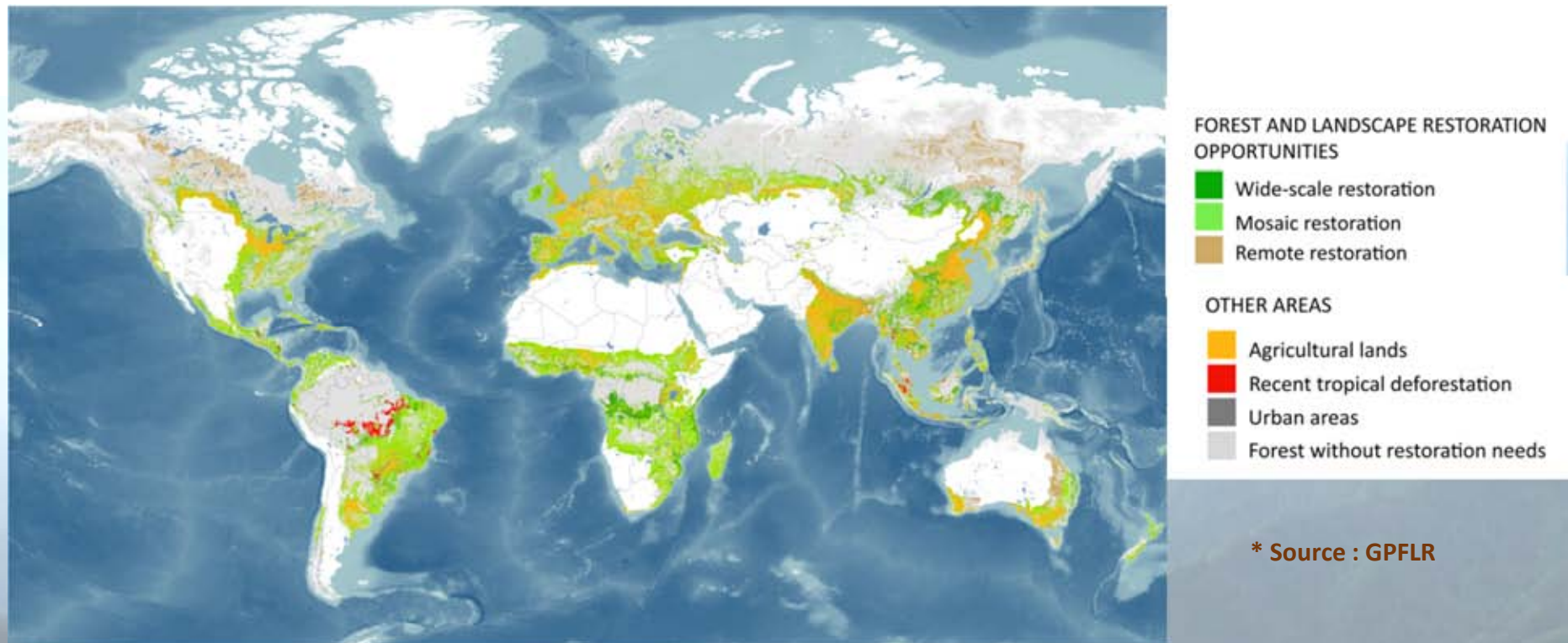
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FLR at a Glance



✓ Up to 2 billion hectares of deforested and degraded land – size of South America. Much can be restored (GPFLR)



* Source : GPFLR

FLR at a Glance

Forest and Landscape Restoration – FLR

A comprehensive response

*“An active process that brings people together to identify, negotiate and implement practices that restore an agreed optimal balance of the ecological, social and economic benefits of forests and trees within a broader pattern of land uses.”
(GPFLR)*



FLR at a Glance

Key FLR Principles

- ✓ Balancing **ecological functions** with **human development** needs
(multi-functionality)
- ✓ Enhancing **resilience**
- ✓ Continuous **learning process**
- ✓ Engaging **multiple stakeholders**



FLR is a process, not only an objective



FLR at a Glance

Global FLR Initiatives

- ✓ The Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration (GPFLR)
- ✓ Bonn Challenge (2011)
- ✓ CBD Aichi Biodiversity Targets (5, 11 and 15)



FAO experience in FLR

✓ Long History and Experience on Forest Restoration

- Participatory integrated watershed management in upland area
- Agroforestry and Trees Outside Forests
- Great Green Wall in Sahara and Sahel Initiative
- Silva Mediterranea/Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests



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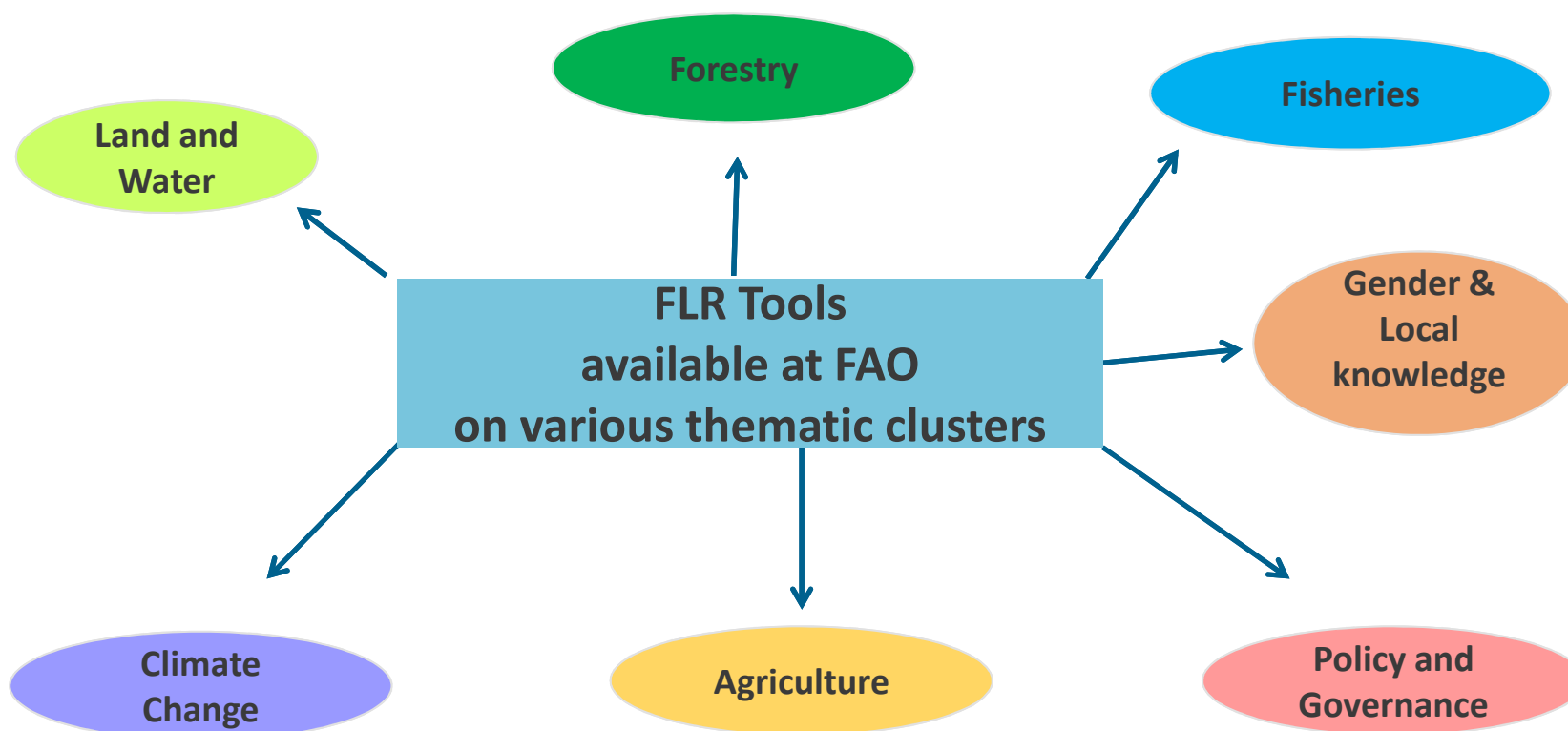
Technical Tools:

Methodology; Policy; Guidelines; Framework; Manuals; Training modules; Software; Database; Information system; e-learning

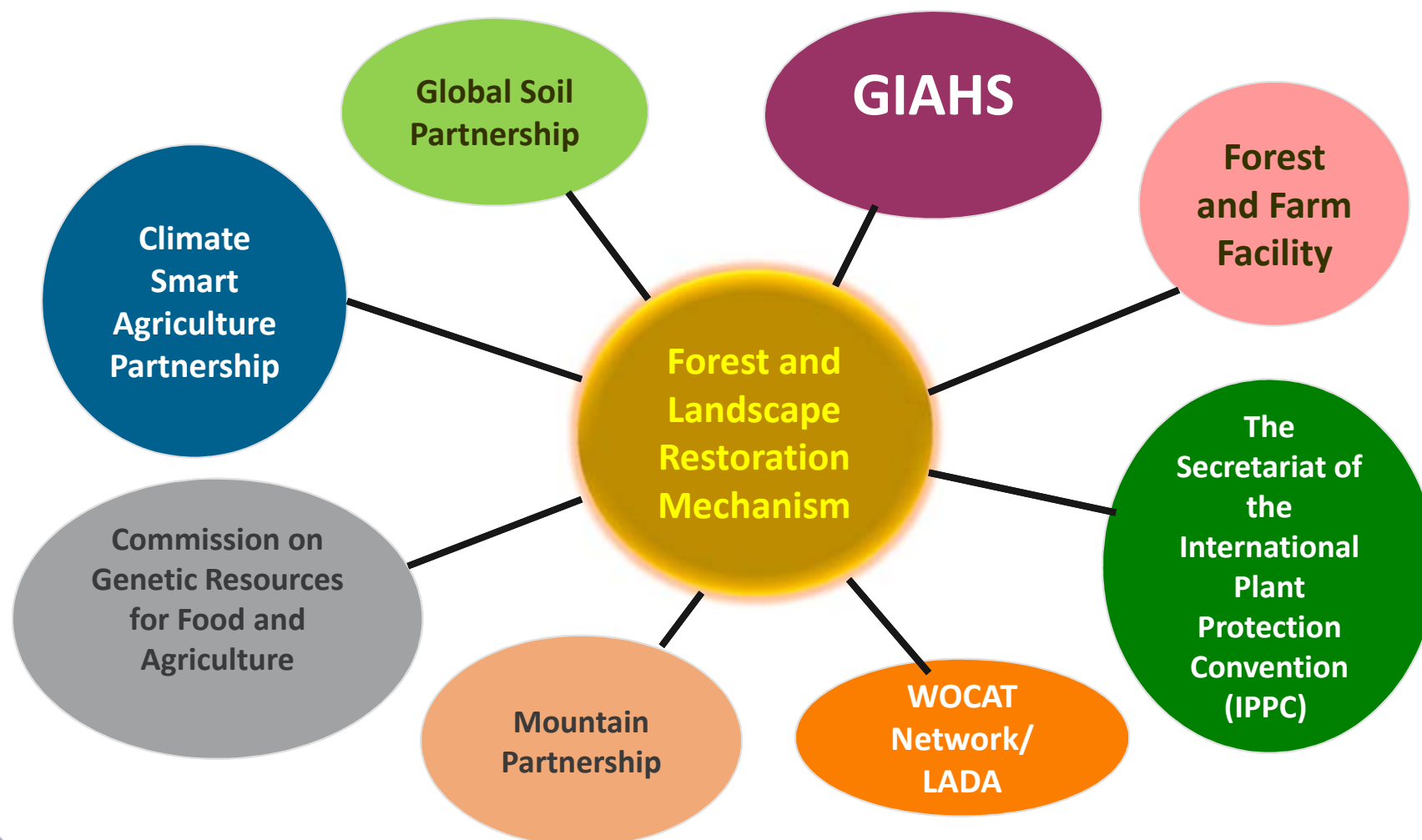
Thematic clusters: Land; Forestry; Fisheries; Agriculture; Climate Change; Gender & local knowledge; Policy and Governance



FLR Tools/Manuals/Guidelines/Database available at FAO



Major Cross-cutting Initiatives, Programmes in FAO



GIAHS (Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems)

- ✓ Heritage for the Future
- ✓ Definition : Remarkable **Land Use Systems and landscapes which are rich in biological diversity evolving from the ingenious and dynamic adaptation of a community/** population to its environment and the needs and aspirations for sustainable development (FAO, 2002)
- ✓ **Vital contribution** to provision of ecosystem services, Food Security and Nutrition, biodiversity, resilience and adaptive capacity
- ✓ GIAHS sites in Philippines and Indonesia

FLR Mechanism



Goal

To support the planning and implementation of FLR mainly at country level as well as monitoring and reporting

Key considerations

- ✓ Fully consistent with key partners to **avoid duplication**
- ✓ Focused mainly at country level to maximize impact **on the ground**
- ✓ Initial phase will span a seven year period (2014-2020)

Operations/Approach at country level

- ✓ Facilitating a **multi-stakeholder process** to define **the needs, challenges and opportunities for FLR** at country level
- ✓ Leading to establishment of a **national FLR Action Plan**
- ✓ **FLR Implementation Planning**
(Resources mobilization & identification of clear roles of all actors)
- ✓ **FLR Implementation**
(Mosaic of activity & combined effort)
- ✓ **Monitoring and evaluating (M&E)**

Operations/Approach at global level

- ✓ **Financial intelligence** function
- ✓ Development of **guidelines & standards** for baselines and verification of successful efforts
- ✓ Contribution to **more effective reporting** to RIO Conventions and any other relevant international organizations, processes, initiatives.
(e.g. UNCCD, CBD, UNFCCC, etc.)

FAO's Comparative Advantage

- ✓ Convening capacity
- ✓ Strong field presence
- ✓ Long experience and technical competence in FLR work

But not FAO alone - **partnership** will be key to success



Next Steps



Next Steps

- ✓ Official Launch of **FLR Mechanism** at COFO in June 2014
- ✓ Partnering with CBD for **Aichi Target Workshops** in 2014
- ✓ Initiate planning process in selected countries
- ✓ Resource mobilization
- ✓ High level event on FLR at **CBD COP 12** in October 2014 (RoK)



thank you!