

Pilots for the implementation of Motion 23/IFLs commencing



Since the FSC General Assembly 2022, the Focus Forests Advisory Group together with different stakeholders has been developing tools for the implementation of Motion 23/2022 *'Use landscape-wide approaches adapted to local conditions and strengthen Standard Development Groups (SDGs) to improve protection of Intact Forest Landscapes.'* This work has reached an important milestone and it is time to pilot. **To introduce you to the work done and the piloting, a webinar will be organized on 11 July 2024, 16.00 CEST. You can register for this webinar [here](#).**

FSC Network Offices and especially their National Standard Development Groups have a crucial role in the pilots. The draft documents to be piloted in this phase are: **Guidance** FSC-GUI-60-004a *'Landscape approach to Intact Forest Landscapes'*, **Procedure** FSC-PRO-60-004 V1-0 EN Draft 1-0 *'Procedure Development of indicators for the protection of Intact Forest Landscapes considering the landscape level'*, which can be found in the process page [here](#). All these are draft documents, will be tested in the pilots, and with the results of these tests a final Guidance and final Procedure are planned to be finalized.

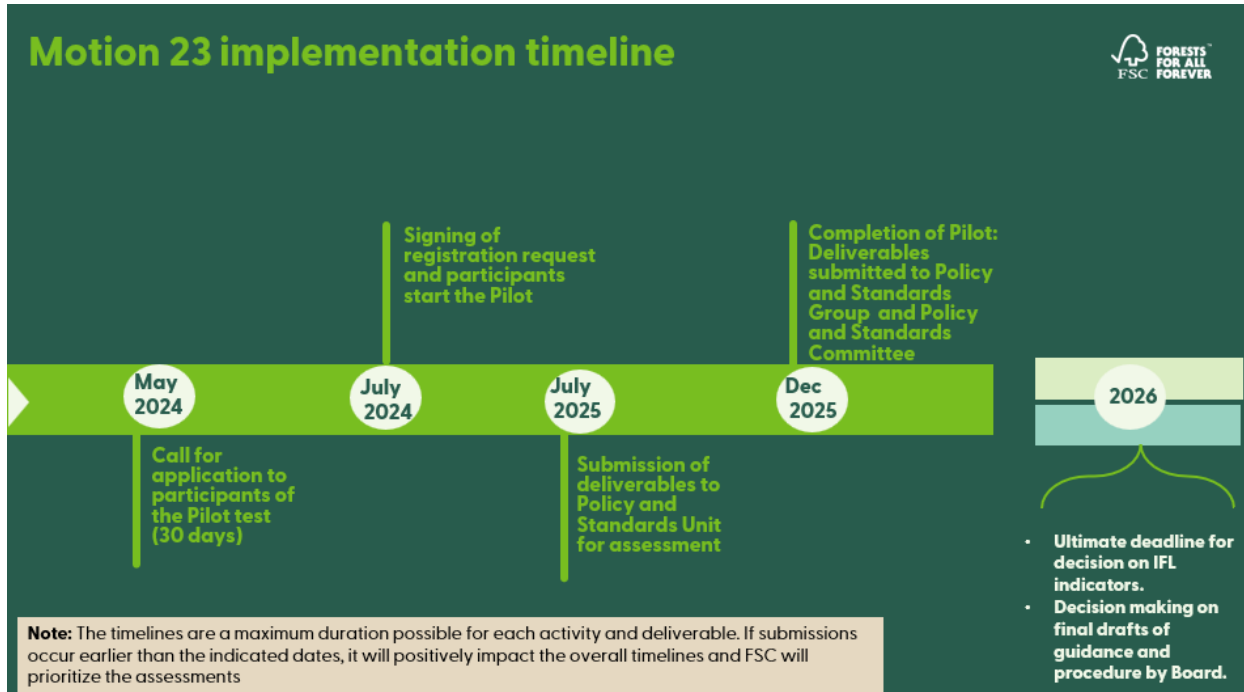
Several FSC Network Offices with IFLs, such as Brazil, Peru, Congo Basin, and possibly Canada, already showed interest in piloting the implementation of Motion 23 last year. The FSC Secretariat has launched a call for applicants to register and test the procedure (see [here](#)).

The draft [guidance](#) document was developed in collaboration with a research consortium led by Professor Claude Garcia of Bern University of Applied Studies (commissioned by FSC Secretariat) and FSC staff. To develop the approach in this guidance, we learned from landscape approaches already developed by other organizations, such as The Forest Dialogue. A full overview of other landscape approaches considered is [available here](#). The draft guidance also results from consultations with the Focus Forests Advisory Group, interested FSC Network Partners/Standard Development Groups from Canada, Brazil, Peru, and the Congo Basin, FSC members, amongst others. The final editing was done by consultant Andre de Freitas. The guidance provides support for landscape identification, stakeholder identification in the wider landscape, engagement with stakeholders in a landscape dialogue and monitoring the process for learning purposes.

The draft [procedure](#) was developed based on the guidance and specifies the requirements for SDGs for applying landscape considerations in the development of IFL-related indicators for the Forest Stewardship Standards (FSS). It is developed with the Focus Forest Advisory Group acting as Working Group in this process. It was also shared for comments with interested FSC Network Partners/Standard Development Groups from Canada, Brazil, Peru, and the Congo Basin, amongst others.

The result of the pilots will be the submission of the draft IFL related indicators to FSC for approval.

The intended outcome is an updated National Forest Stewardship Standard, with differentiated indicators based on landscape considerations for certification of forest management units situated in IFLs. Certification towards the new indicators based on Motion 23 can happen when the National Forest Stewardship Standard is approved. The process, from the approval of the Terms of Reference for the pilots to the revision of indicators at the global level is depicted in the timeline below, showing deadlines and ultimate dates.



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