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UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017 – 2030

Preparations of UNFF-12 session

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Its preparation and contents



AHEG meetings

Three meetings of the Open-ended intergovernmental *ad hoc* expert group (**AHEG**) established pursuant to paragraph 48 of ECOSOC Resolution 2015/33

- ✓ New York, UN Headquarters, 25-27 April 2016
- ✓ Bangkok, UN Conference Centre (UNCC), 24-28 October 2016
- ✓ New York, UN Headquarters, 25-27 April 2016
- ✓ Working Group, UN Headquarters, 16-19 January 2017

Co-chaired by Mr. Hans Hoogeveen (NL) and Mr. Mohammad Ali Zarie Zaree (Iran)

UNFF Special Session

UNFF adopted on its Special Session on 20 January 2017

- ✓ **United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF)**
- ✓ **Quadrennial Programme of Work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2017-2020 (4POW)**

The UNSPF is expected to be adopted by ECOSOC in April 2017 and then passed for adoption by the UN General Assembly.

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The UNSPF serves as a reference for the forest-related work of the UN system and for fostering enhanced coherence, collaboration and synergies among UN bodies and partners towards the following vision and mission, as well as a framework to enhance the coherence of and guide and focus the work of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF) and its components

Vision

a world where all types of forests and trees outside forests are sustainably managed, contribute to sustainable development and provide economic, social, environmental and cultural benefits for present and future generations.

Mission

to promote sustainable forest management (SFM) and the contribution of forests and trees outside forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including by strengthening cooperation, coordination, coherence, synergies and political commitment and actions at all levels.

6 Global Forest Goals and 26 associated targets

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Global Forest Goal 1

Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through SFM, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change.

1.1 Forest area is increased by 3% worldwide.

1.2 The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced.

1.3 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally.

1.4 The resilience and adaptive capacity of all types of forests to natural disasters and the impacts of climate change is significantly strengthened worldwide.

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Global Forest Goal 2

Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people.

2.1 Extreme poverty for all forest dependent people is eradicated.

2.2 Increase the access of small-scale forest enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets.

2.3 The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased.

2.4 The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economic and environmental development, among others, is significantly increased.

2.5 The contribution of all types of forests to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation is enhanced, taking into account the mandates and ongoing work of relevant conventions and instruments.

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Global Forest Goal 3

Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests.

3.1 The area of forests worldwide designated as protected areas or conserved through other effective area-based conservation measures is significantly increased.

3.2 The area of forests under long-term forest management plans is significantly increased.

3.3 The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests is significantly increased.

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Global Forest Goal 4

Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of SFM and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships.

4.1 Mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for conservation and reforestation.

4.2 Forest-related financing from all sources at all levels, including public (national, bilateral, multilateral and triangular), private and philanthropic financing is significantly increased.

4.3 North-South, South-South, North-North and triangular cooperation and public-private partnerships on science, technology and innovation in the forest sector are significantly enhanced and increased.

4.4 The number of countries which have developed and implemented forest financing strategies and have access to financing from all sources is significantly increased.

4.5 The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multi-disciplinary scientific assessments.

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Global Forest Goal 5

Promote governance frameworks to implement SFM, including through the UN Forest Instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda.

5.1 Number of countries which have integrated forests into their national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies is significantly increased.

5.2 Forest law enforcement and governance are enhanced, including through significantly strengthening national and subnational forest authorities, and illegal logging and associated trade is significantly reduced worldwide.

5.3 National and subnational forest-related policies and programs are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous peoples, fully recognizing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

5.4 Forest-related issues and the forest sector are fully integrated into decision-making processes of land use planning and development.

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Global Forest Goal 6

Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN System and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.

6.1 Forest-related programmes within the UN system are coherent and complementary and integrate the Global Forest Goals and targets where appropriate.

6.2 Forest-related programmes across CPF member organizations are coherent and complementary and together encompass the multiple contributions of forests and the forest sector to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

6.3 Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote SFM and halt deforestation and forest degradation is significantly enhanced at all levels.

6.4 A greater common understanding of the concept of SFM is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified.

6.5 The input and involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the UNSPF and in the work of work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened.

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Implementation framework

The United Nations strategic plan for forests, 2017-2030 (UNSPF) provides a reference for ambitious and transformational actions by all actors, at all levels, to achieve its global forest goals and targets.

Roles and responsibilities:

Member States – voluntary national contributions,

UNFF and its Secretariat,

CPF and its Member Organizations,

UN system, other intergovernmental partners and stakeholders at the international level,

Regional and subregional organizations and processes

Major groups and other stakeholders

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Regional and subregional organizations and processes

Regional bodies, notably the **United Nations regional economic commissions and the FAO regional forestry commissions**, and other regional and subregional bodies and processes *provide* a crucial **bridge between international policies and national actions** *and are important partners* in efforts to implement the strategic plan and achieve its global forest goals and targets.

The Forum works with regional and subregional bodies and processes to **identify ways to contribute to the global forest goals and targets**, including by encouraging them to **exchange information, enhance cooperation, raise awareness, strengthen stakeholder engagement and build capacity** to scale up best practices within and across regions.

Regional and subregional bodies and processes, including those within the United Nations system, as well as the criteria and indicators processes, *are encouraged* to build and **strengthen synergies between the strategic plan and their policies and programmes**, including in the context of their contributions to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Member States are invited to consider strengthening regional and subregional forest policy development, dialogue and coordination to advance the strategic plan.

Preparation of UNFF-12 session

UN Headquarters, New York, 1 – 5 May 2017



New format of UNFF sessions

- ✓ **Odd-year sessions** focus on **discussions on implementation and technical advice**, including exchange of experiences among Member States, CPF member organizations, **regional and subregional organizations**, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, and the science-policy interface.
- ✓ The **output of odd-year sessions** is a chair's summary report of these discussions, including possible proposals, that **is reported to the Forum at its subsequent sessions in the even-year** for further consideration and recommendations.
- ✓ Odd-year and even-year sessions for a given biennium are thematically linked.
- ✓ Thematic and operational **priorities**, priority actions and resource needs for each biennium are identified by the Forum on the basis of the **global goals and targets** contained in the UN Strategic Plan, taking into account the **annual themes** and Sustainable Development Goals under review by the **high-level political forum on sustainable development**.

Organization of Work

| Date | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| / Time | 1 May 2017 | 2 May 2017 | 3 May 2017 | 4 May 2017 | 5 May 2017 |
| 10:00 – 1:00 | <p>Opening Session</p> <p>Item 1: Election of officers</p> <p>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters</p> <p>Item 3: Implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement by PGA /ECOSOC President (tbc) Statement by UNFF12 Chair Statement by DESA USG/ ASG Introduction of UNFF12 official documents by the Secretariat (<i>remarks by UNFFS Director</i>) <p>General Statements on Item 3, including voluntary announcement of Voluntary National Contributions (item 3b)</p> | <p>Item 3: Implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical discussion and exchange of experiences... (item 3a) Panel discussion on the contribution of forests to SD G1: Poverty alleviation | <p>Item 3: Implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical discussion and exchange of experiences... (item 3a) Panel discussion on contributions of forests to SD G2: Food Security | <p>Item 3: Implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for provision of input to the HLPF2018, including substantive input to 2018 HLPF thematic focus, and intersessional activities | <p>Items 3, 4 and 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the draft omnibus resolution on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intersessional activities in preparation for HLPF2018 Format and cycle for reporting to UNFF CLIs guidelines <p>Item 7: Emerging issues and challenges</p> <p>Item 8: Forum's Trust Fund</p> <p>Item 9. Date and venue for the thirteenth session of the Forum.</p> <p>Item 10. Provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Forum.</p> |
| Lunch Break | Side Events | Side Events | Side Events | Side Events | Side Events |
| 3:00 – 6:00 | <p>Item 3: Implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN system-wide contributions (item 3c): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of the CPF Policy document/CPF work plan (by the CPF Chair) Panel discussion on the contributions of CPF members, UN partners and stakeholders to the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 | <p>Item 3: Implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical discussion and exchange of experiences... (item 3a) Panel discussion on the contributions of forests to SD G5: Gender Equality | <p>Item 4: Monitoring, assessment and reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the outcomes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brasilia Expert Meeting on reporting to UNFF CPF Organization-Led Initiative on the global forest indicators Discussion on the proposed format and cycle for voluntary national reporting to the UNFF | <p>Item 5: Means of implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel discussion on activities of the UNFF Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network <p>Item 6: Enhanced cooperation, coordination and engagement on forest-related issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on revised CLI guidelines Activities undertaken in celebration of the International Day of Forests in 2016 | <p>Closing Session</p> <p>Item 11. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its twelfth session.</p> <p>(First meeting of the thirteenth session of the Forum)</p> |

UNFF-12 Agenda

Implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030:

- (a) Technical discussion and exchange of experiences on the thematic and operational priorities, priority actions and resource needs for the period 2017-2018
Panel discussions on contribution of forests to
SDG 1 Poverty alleviation
SDG 2 Food security
SDG 5 Gender equality
Preparation for provision of input to the HLPF2018, **including substantive input to 2018 HLPF thematic focus, and intersessional activities**
1/2 day each
- (c) United Nations system-wide contributions to the implementation of the global forest goals and targets **1/2 day Monday**

Background documents

Background documents have been posted on website:

- Report of the Secretary-General on **Enhanced cooperation, coordination and engagement on forest-related issues** (part of it the revised Guidelines for Country-Led Initiatives)
- Note by the Secretariat on **Means of Implementation for Sustainable Forest Management**
- Note by the Secretariat on **Forum Trust Fund**
- Note by the Secretariat on **Implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests, 2017-2030**
- Report of the Secretary-General on **Monitoring, assessment and reporting**, including the “Guidelines and Format for reporting on: Progress towards implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, the UN Forest Instrument (UNFI), and the Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs)“

Thank you for your attention.

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