
Regional and Subregional Input to UNFF9

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Sections for Consideration

This Note has been prepared to highlight aspects for consideration when submitting regional and sub-regional input to the UNFF Secretariat. It consists of two sections:

Section I: Substantive matters of the Forum (See Annex 3: Provisional Agenda of UNFF9)

1. Forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication:
 - i. Community-based forest management;
 - ii. Social development and indigenous and other local and forest-dependent communities, including forest land tenure;
 - iii. Social and cultural aspects.
2. Assessment of progress made on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and towards the achievement of the four Global Objectives on Forests.
3. International Year of Forests 2011.

a. Please indicate major developments and challenges, discussions and/or analyses carried out in relation to the topics above.

b. Please indicate regional/ sub-regional level experiences on the application of any of the following cross-cutting issues: finance, transfer of environmentally sound technologies, capacity-building, awareness-raising, education, information-sharing and forest law enforcement and governance, in relation to the four topics above.

c. In view of challenges identified, please mention key issues which need to be tackled in the near future, to help contribute to the implementation of the topics above.

d. In what relates specifically to the International Year of Forests 2011, please share any eventual information on your ongoing and planned activities in support of the IYF.

Response on Section I

1. Forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication (in general)

1. i. Community-based forest management

1. ii. Social development and indigenous and other local and forest-dependent communities, including forest land tenure

1. iii Social and cultural aspects

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3. International Year of Forests 2011

Section II: Characteristics of regional and sub-regional cooperation and partnerships

a. Please provide examples of how existing regional and/or sub-regional cooperation, including the following cross-cutting issues: financial support, technology transfer, capacity building and education, have played a catalytic role in supporting the efforts of countries to achieve sustainable forest management. Kindly indicate any relevant lessons learned related to the application of these cross-cutting issues.

b. Please indicate how you have addressed multi-stakeholder dialogues and participation

c. Please describe any joint activity relevant to the Forum's work undertaken with member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests - CPF (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/cpf/en/>) and/or major groups (as identified by Agenda 21)

d. Please mention whether this input was prepared in consultation with government representatives, other regional bodies and stakeholder groups, and the extent to which they contributed.

e. Please provide information on lessons learned, challenges and the value added in preparing this input.

Summary of regional measures contained in the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests

VI. International cooperation and means of implementation (*Para 7 g, h, i, n, p, q*)

7. To achieve the purpose of this instrument, Member States should:

(g) Enhance bilateral, regional and international cooperation, with a view to promoting international trade in forest products from sustainably managed forests harvested according to domestic legislation;

(h) Enhance bilateral, regional and international cooperation to address illicit international trafficking in forest products through the promotion of forest law enforcement and good governance at all levels;

(i) Strengthen, through enhanced bilateral, regional and international cooperation, the capacity of countries to effectively combat illicit international trafficking in forest products, including timber, wildlife and other forest biological resources;

(n) Promote international technical and scientific cooperation, including South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation in the field of sustainable forest management, through the appropriate international, regional and national institutions and processes;

(p) Strengthen forestry research and development in all regions, particularly in developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition, through relevant organizations, institutions and centres of excellence, as well as through global, regional and subregional networks;

(q) Strengthen cooperation and partnerships at the regional and subregional levels to promote sustainable forest management;

Global Objectives on Forests (as contained in the Non Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests)

IV. Global Objectives on Forests

5. Member States reaffirm the following shared global objectives on forests and their commitment to work globally, regionally and nationally to achieve progress towards their achievement by 2015:

Global Objective 1

Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation;

Global Objective 2

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

Global Objective 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;

Global Objective 4

Reverse the decline in official development assistance for sustainable forest management and mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources, for the implementation of sustainable forest management.

Annex 3

Provisional Agenda for the Ninth Session of UNFF

UNFF NINTH SESSION

24 January - 4 February 2011

United Nations, UNHQ, New York

Draft provisional agenda:

- 1) Election of officers.
- 2) Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
- 3) Assessment of progress made on the implementation the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and towards the achievement of the four global objectives on forests.
- 4) Regional and subregional inputs.
- 5) Forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication:
 - a) Community-based forest management;
 - b) Social development and indigenous and other local and forest-dependent communities, including forest land tenure;
 - c) Social and cultural aspects.
- 6) International Year of Forests 2011.
- 7) Emerging issue.
- 8) High-level segment.
- 9) Multi-stakeholder dialogue
- 10) Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination, including the provision of further guidance to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.
- 11) Means of implementation.
- 12) Forum trust fund.
- 13) Other matters.
- 14) Dates and venue for the tenth session of the Forum
- 15) Provisional agenda for the tenth session of the Forum
- 16) Adoption of the report of the Forum on its ninth session