Outcomes of the 11th Session of the UN Forum on Forests

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UNFF Functions

Global platform for policy development, dialogue and cooperation

Mobilize, catalyze and facilitate access to financial, technical and scientific resources

Promote, monitor & assess implementation of SFM and UNFI

Promote governance framework and enabling conditions

Strengthen High Level political engagement in support of SFM

Promote international policy development
Post 2015 IAF Objectives

- Promote Implementation – SFM, UNFI
- Enhance Forests contribution to the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda
- Enhance Cooperation, Coordination, Coherence and Synergies
- Support strengthening of Forest Governance
Post 2015 IAF components

- UNFF
- GFFFN
- UNFF Secretariat
- UNFF Trust Fund
- CPF
- UNFF Member States
Post 2015 IAF – What’s new

• Rebranded NLBI as the UN Forest Instrument
• Extended the IAF till 2030 and agreed to integrate the SDGs in the UN Forest Instrument;
• Agreed to develop a Strategic Plan
• Established the GFFFN to mobilize and facilitate access to all sources of financing for SFM
• Positioned UNFF to promote, monitor and assess implementation of SFM, including in relation to SDGs
• Strengthened regional and stakeholder engagement
IAF Strategic Plan for 2017-2030

- Will incorporate a mission and a vision, the Global Objectives on Forests and the forest-related aspects of the post-2015 development agenda;
- Take into account significant forest-related developments in other forums;
- Identify the roles of different actors;
- Provide a framework for reviewing implementation; and
- Outline a communication strategy to raise awareness of the work of the IAF.
UNFF Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN)

Promote the design of national financing strategies

Build capacity in project design and formulation

Clearinghouse on existing, new and emerging financing opportunities
Post 2015 IAF – Regional coordination

• UNFF11 restructured the Forum’s sessions:
  o odd-year sessions will serve as an opportunity for all stakeholders, including regional and subregional entities to provide technical advice and input to the Forum.

• Regional inputs to sessions of the Forum:
  o the UNFF Secretariat will consult with relevant regional and subregional entities on means to enhance collaboration;
  o regional and subregional entities are invited to consider developing and strengthening programs on SFM; and
  o regional and subregional entities are invited to provide coordinated inputs and recommendations to sessions of the Forum.

• Stakeholder inputs
Post 2015 IAF – CPF

• UNFF11 decided that the core functions of the CPF are to:
  o Support the work of the UNFF and its Member States
  o Provide scientific and technical advice
  o Enhance coherence, policy and program cooperation and coordination
  o Promote implementation of the UNFI, achievement of the GOFs and contributions of forests to the post 2015 development agenda

• UNFF11 also invited the governing bodies of CPF member organizations to include in their work programmes dedicated funding to support Partnership activities, as well as budgeted activities supporting the priorities of the Forum, as outlined in the Strategic plan.
### Next steps; meetings in 2016-2017

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| 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Forum on Forests | • Strategic plan for 2017-2030 & quadrennial programme of work for 2017-2020  
• A revised cycle and a format for national reporting | Mid 2017                                    |
Thank You

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