

# **Global and regional forest-related developments: Relevance to the ECE region**

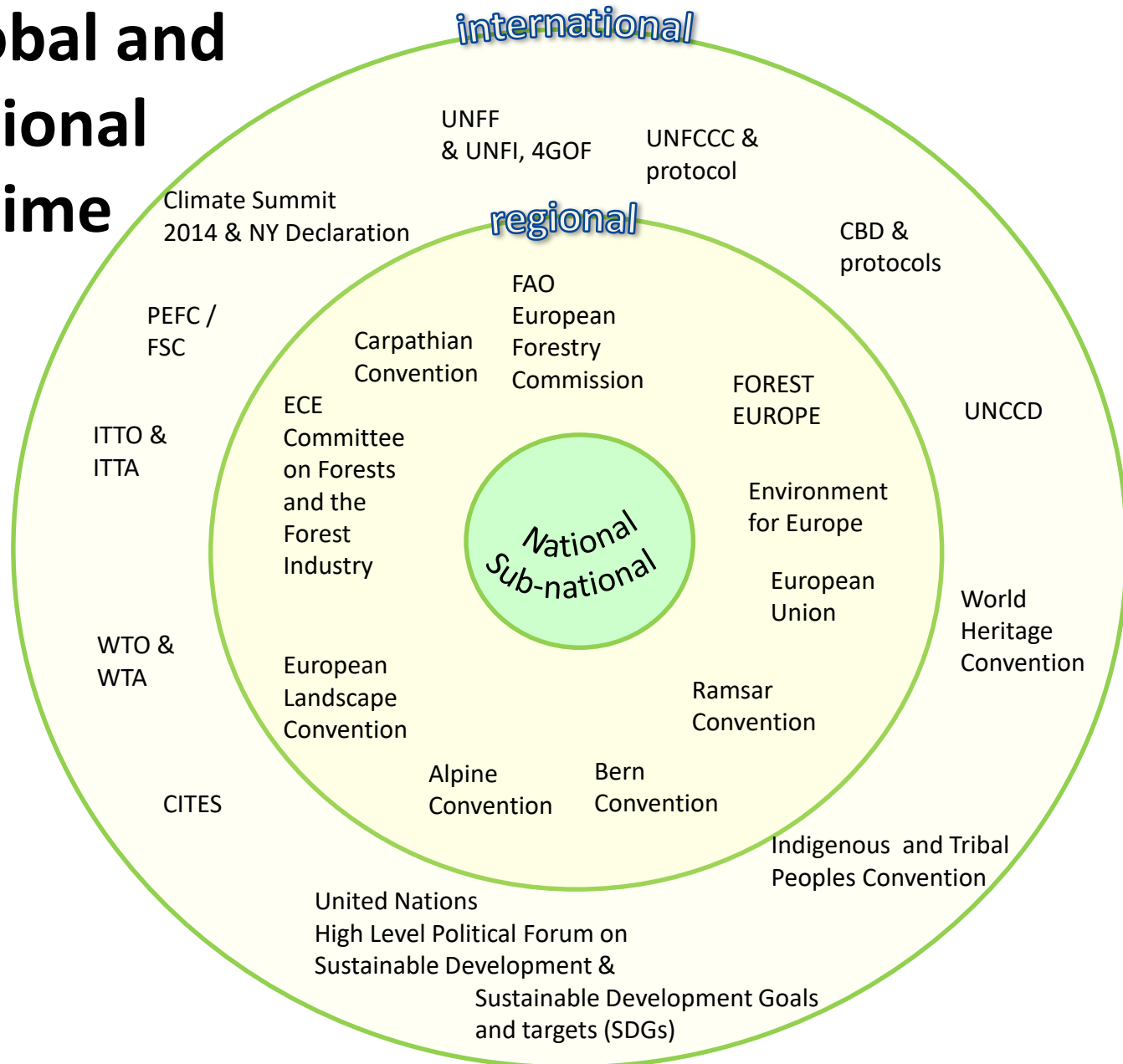
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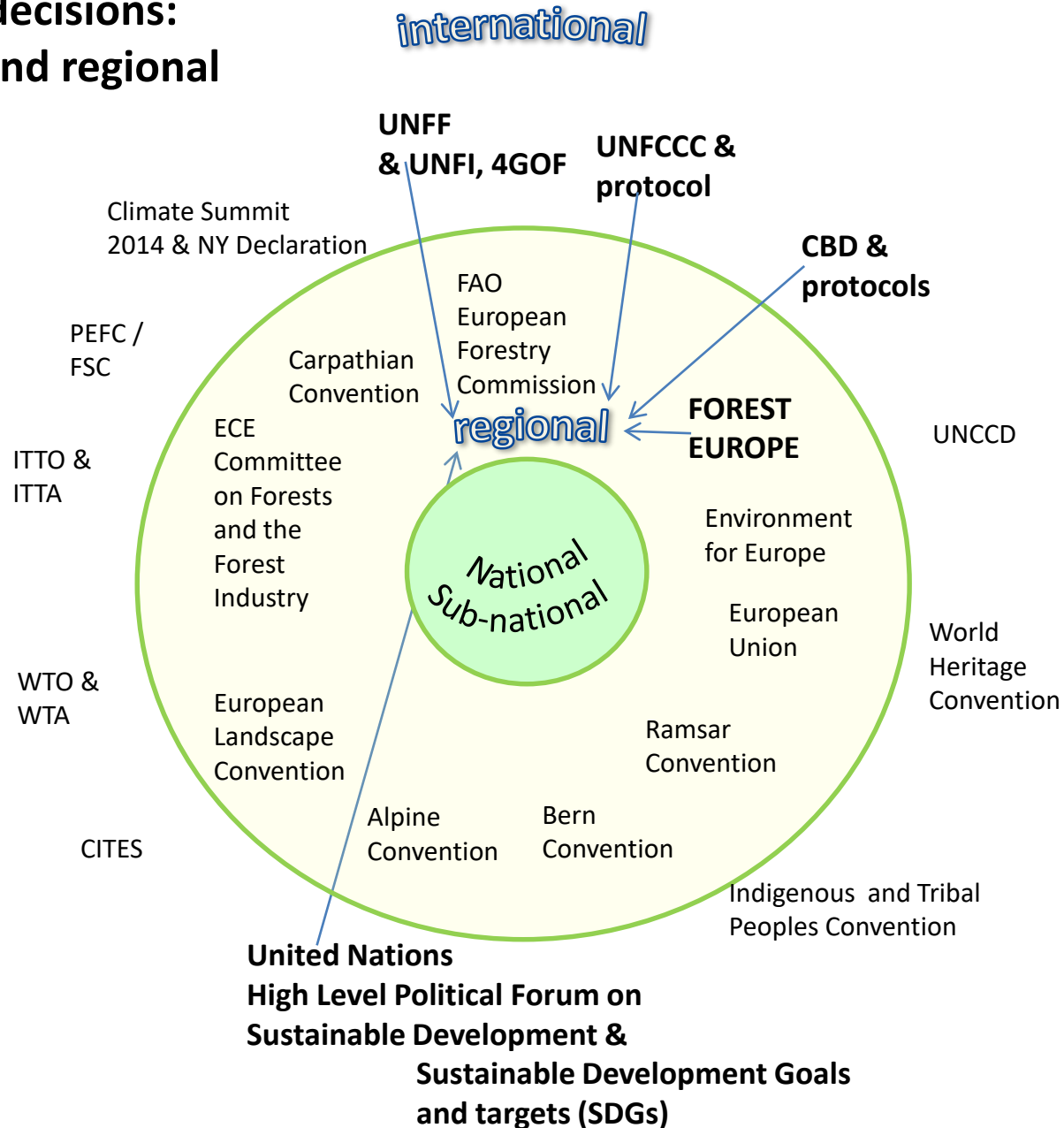
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# Global and regional regime



## Recent decisions: Global and regional regime



# (a) Sustainable Development Goals and Targets & forests (September 2015)

- Apply to developed/ developing countries
- Implementation to be monitored => set of global indicators
- Follow up/ review on annual basis

## Goal 6. Clean water and sanitation

Target 6.6.	Forest Protection and restoration
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## Goal 15. Sustainable management of forests

Target 15.1.	Conservation, restoration and sustainable use of forests in line with international obligations
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Target 15.2.	Implementation of SFM
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Target 15.b.	Mobilization of resources for SFM
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# (a) Sustainable Development Goals and Targets & forests (September 2015)

## Relevance for regional/national levels:

- ⇒ **SDGs and targets** to be implemented nationally & regionally in all countries
- ⇒ **Future global indicators:** mostly likely to also rely on existing ones/ data collected + development of complementary regional/national indicators expected
- ⇒ **Regional/sub-regional levels:** use of existing follow-up and review mechanisms at regional levels shall be used; fora for peer learning & sharing of best practices, cooperation and discussion
- ⇒ ***Experience of COFFI & EFC in relation to SFM implementation including to data collection, indicator development (e.g. ToS etc.); joint work of UNECE and FAO on collecting statistical data***

# (b)11<sup>th</sup> session of UNFF & regional /sub-regional involvement (May 2015)

- Session objective: assess progress, challenges and the way forward for the International Arrangement on Forests

## ECOSOC resolution and regional level

25. / UNFF	to strengthen collaboration for implementing the UN Forest Instrument and 4 Global Objectives on Forests
26. /UNFF Secretariat	Consult with regional/sub-regional entities on means of collaboration
27. / Regional / sub-regional entities	Develop/ strengthen programmes on SFM and provide coordinated inputs to UNFF sessions
28. / Member States	Establish regional/ sub-regional platforms for policy development / dialogue

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## Relevance for regional/national levels:

- ⇒ **Regional dimension:** more important for UNFF
- ⇒ **Means of collaboration:** consultation with regional partners on means of improvement of its collaboration
- ⇒ **Programms of SFM:** development/ strengthening of programmes of SFM
- ⇒ **Input to UNFF sessions:** provide coordinated input/ recommendations to Forums sessions
- ⇒ **Regional/sub-regional forest policy processes & platforms:** develop & strengthen platforms/ processes
- ⇒ **Experience of UNECE &FAO:** regional input and expert assessment provided in the past to UNFF

# (c)Convention on Biological Diversity

- ⇒ ***Extended programme of work on forest biological diversity*** (2002) => seems to have lost its momentum
- ⇒ **Strategic plan for Biodiversity** => CBD expects parties to develop national targets, strategies and action plans (NBSAP)
- ⇒ ***Aichi Targets*** (target 5: halve the rate of loss of natural habitats including forests; target 7: manage forests sustainably)
- ⇒ **Collaboration with forest sector** on biodiversity monitoring started and advise on the use of relevant *safeguards* for biodiversity financing mechanisms (dev. countries) initiated

Relevance for national/regional levels:

*Implementation of Aichi targets and development of national targets, strategies and action plans*



# (d)UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

- ⇒ Protocols: Kyoto Protocol 1997 (2005), Doha amendment 2012 (not yet in force)
- ⇒ **Kyoto Protocol:** annex I *and* non-annex I countries – parties able to use *Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry* (LULUCF) emissions and removals as credits/debits to meet targets
- ⇒ First accounting period: forest carbon stock changes from afforestation, reforestation and deforestation since 1990s
- ⇒ Second accounting period: accounting for forest management, stock and changes in harvested wood product (HWP) becomes mandatory
- ⇒ Three flexible Kyoto mechanisms continue to exist during second period (International Emission Trading, Clean Development Mechanism, Joint Implementation)

# (d)UN Framework convention on climate change

## ***REDD+ mechanism negotiated under UNFCCC since 2005***

- ⇒ *Basic idea:* to compensate developing countries for reducing emissions from forests relative to (calculated) reference level and receive financial compensation
- ⇒ REDD+ mechanism most aspects clarified, but funding

## ***COP 21 and “Paris Package”***

- ⇒ Likely to consist of legally binding agreement on climate (effect in 2020) + decision on prior arrangements => balance on climate adaptation and mitigation (for all countries, all sectors included?)
- ⇒ Current negotiation text: REDD+ and action in land use sector

## (e)Forest Europe (October 2015)

- ⇒ 7<sup>th</sup> and extraordinary ministerial conferences held 20-21 October in Madrid
- ⇒ Adoption of ministerial declaration, 2 resolutions and 2 decisions; revised set of criteria and indicators for SFM
- ⇒ Presentation of new State of Europe's Forests report 2015 and a mid-term evaluation of European Goals and Targets

### Relevance for regional/national levels:

- ⇒ **Implementation:** of policy objectives + data collection
- ⇒ **UNECE/FAO cooperation:** on reporting, implementation of next FE Work Programme, work on future direction of FE

# Concluding remarks

Large number of global and regional forest-related policy decisions taken

⇒ *Forest (sector) seems to have gained a new political momentum*

## **Challenges:**

- lack of strong & comprehensive global and regional institutionalisation for forest policy
- discussion of trade-offs (among objectives) has not started
- Regional dimension gained more importance, but need for strengthen institutions and clarification of mandates

*Thank you  
for listening*



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