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**General Information**

The multi-year programme of work – MYPOW (2007–2015) of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) sets a new focus on regional collaboration and partnerships. Since its eighth session in 2009 the Forum has solicited inputs from relevant regional and sub-regional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, organizations and processes as an integral part of session deliberations.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The eleventh session of the UNFF (UNFF11) will be held from 4 to 15 May 2015 in New York. In accordance with the Forum’s MYPOW, the overall theme of UNFF11 is *Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward on the international arrangement on forests* (IAF), with the following sub themes:

1. Reviewing the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests and consideration of all future options
2. Reviewing the progress towards the achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs) and the implementation of the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests ( “Forest Instrument”)
3. Reviewing the contribution of forests and the IAF to the internationally-agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),

Please note that the Year 2007 – the year of the adoption of the Forest Instrument, should be used as a baseline throughout the document. Moreover, the Forum Secretariat suggests no more than 250 words of written input per answer.

We would be most grateful if you could send your inputs to **unff@un.org**, fax: +1 917-367-3186, by **30 September 2014.**

**Section I: Progress towards the implementation of the forest instrument and the achievement of the GOFs as well as the contribution of forests and the IAF to the internationally-agreed development goals, including the MDGs**

***A. Progress towards implementation of the Forest Instrument***

Briefly describe actions (e.g. regulatory, financial/economic and informational/educational) taken by your respective regional/sub-regional organization/process to foster political commitment for sustainable forest management (SFM).

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 Please describe the main challenges encountered and/or lessons learned.

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Briefly describe efforts taken at the regional level to foster economically, socially and environmentally sound measures that act as incentives for the sustainable management of forests.

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 Please describe the main challenges encountered and/or lessons learned.

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Briefly describe actions taken to enhance regional cooperation to promote international trade in forest products from sustainably managed forests harvested.

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 Please describe the main challenges encountered and/or lessons learned.

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1. Briefly describe actions taken to enhance regional cooperation to address illicit international trafficking in forest products through the promotion of forest law enforcement and good governance.

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1. List and briefly describe activities aimed at mobilizing new and additional resources from all sources for SFM.

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 Please describe the main challenges encountered and/or lessons learned.

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***B. Progress towards the achievement of the GOFs***

Please describe actions taken by your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process and/or by other major stakeholders in your region/sub-region to help achieve the following:

GOF1, “Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation”

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GOF2, “Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people”

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GOF3, “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”

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GOF4, “Reverse the decline in ODA for SFM and mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of SFM”

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Please provide additional information specific to your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process on progress towards the achievement of the GOFs.

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***C. Contribution of forests and the IAF to the internationally-agreed development goals, including the MDGs***

1. Please describe studies or initiatives in your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process that capture the contribution of forests to the achievement of the internationally-agreed development goals, including the MDGs.

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1. What indicators have been, or could be, used to assess the contribution of forests to the MDGs?

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1. Please provide additional information specific to your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process on MDGs forest-related work.

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**Section II: Review of the effectiveness of the current IAF and the future options**

1. From the perspective of your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process, please provide a general evaluation of the strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement of the current IAF.

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1. Has the input of your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process been adequately taken into account in the Forum’s deliberations?

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1. What measures has your organization undertaken to strengthen the current IAF? Please list the most important measures (maximum five):

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1. How would your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process envisage a strengthened regional/sub-regional component in a future IAF?

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1. Has your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process worked jointly with member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)[[2]](#footnote-2) and/or major stakeholders to support the work of UNFF? If yes, please evaluate the overall collaboration.

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1. How would your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process envisage a strengthened collaboration with CPF member organizations and/or major stakeholders in a revised IAF?

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1. The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) through its resolution 2006/49, agreed to “Strengthen interaction between the Forum and relevant regional and subregional forest-related mechanisms, institutions and instruments, organizations and processes, with participation of major groups, as identified in Agenda 21, and relevant stakeholders to facilitate enhanced cooperation and effective implementation of sustainable forest management, as well as to contribute to the work of the Forum.” (paragraph 2c) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. CPF member organizations: Centre for International Forestry Research, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Tropical Timber Organization, International Union of Forest Research Organizations, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Secretariat of the Global Environmental Facility, Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification , United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme, World Agroforestry Centre, The World Bank, International Union for Conservation of Nature. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)