

In the Name of God the most Compassionate, the most Merciful

Comments of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the summary of the AHEG Co-Chairs regarding “building blocks/Options for the 2017-2030 Strategic Plan” and “the Quadrennial Programme of Work for 2017-2020”

Comments on Section 1-Introduction

We would suggest the following inputs to be added:

Part A:

In the last bullet: after economic growth: degradation, dust and sand storms and biodiversity loss

Part B. in section relegated to challenges in bullet 4 the following be added:

Unsustainable consumption and unsustainable production as well as dust sand and storms.

In the last bullet in the second line after transition, the LFCCs should be added.

Part C. for the GEF

We would like to suggest the following paragraph:

Building synergy between the GEF’s sustainable forest management (SFM) with the 2017-2030 Strategic Plan” and “the Quadrennial Programme of Work for 2017-2020”. And request the GEF and other forest funding institutions to provide a program of action to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the Quadrennial Programme.

Comments on Section 2:

We would concur with option 2. This option also contributes the economic function of the forest. The word “protected” can be deleted as the sustainable management is a comprehensive concept.

Chapter II, Part B. we would suggest merging options 5 and 6. but propose to use our respective commitment instead of political commitment.

Comments on Section 3:

Part A. We would suggest to work on the basis of options 1.

Part B. We propose to work on the basis of options 1.

In this part specific measures and actions should be indicated in the 4pow for every four years till 2030.

Comments on Section 4:

Under this section:

The strategic plan should provide and develop a strategic plan for LFCCs, SIDS and LDCs as a part of the Strategic Plan 2017-2030. The LFCCs, SIDS and LDCs do not yet have a forest policy or strategic plan. Implementation of IAF, GOFs and agenda 2030 for sustainable development in line with Strategic Plan and the Quadrennial Programme of Work make it necessary that in consultation with these countries the strategic plan be prepared to address the related challenges of these countries and helping them achieve our goals. Poverty eradication, deforestation, land degradation, dust and sand storm, climate change and renewable energy are among their needs and priorities.

Under this strategy we would suggest the following Goal and targets:

The main goal of Strategic Plan (2017-2030) and “the Quadrennial Programme of Work for 2017-2020”

Main Goal: “Protect, restore and promote Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) for LFCCs, SIDS and LDCs till 2030”.

The targets to achieve the Goal:

By 2030, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable forest management including through:

Mobilizing all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to LFCCs, SIDS and LDCs including through the Quadrennial Programme of Work for 2017-2020” to advance sustainable management.

Enhancement of international support for implementation effective and capacity building in LFCCs, SIDS and LDCs to support national plans to implement all goals, including through the Quadrennial Programme of Work for 2017-2020”.

Providing assistance to strengthening resilience and adaptive capacity to climate related hazards in all LFCCs, SIDS and LDCs and minimizing and address the impact of climate change on forest by 2024.

And request the GEF and other forest funding institution to provide a program of action to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the Quadrennial.

For the PoW:

Specific measures and actions should be included in the Pow for each separate and independent four years to implement the goal and the targets.

The PoW should include actions to address the specific needs of LFCCs, SIDS and LDCs according to the above goal and targets.