

# Comments made by the High Commissionership for Water, Forest and Combating Desertification (Morocco) on the initial proposal of the 2017-2030 Strategic Plan of the International Arrangement on Forests

## I. Introduction

### C. Opportunities for enhanced action

It's seems important to add in this part of the Strategic Plan the following target:

**15.3:** By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world.

## II. IAF vision and mission statements- Options

Proposal for vision Statement: A world where forests are protected sustainably managed and **restored**, providing economic, social and environmental benefits for all.

Proposal for Mission Statement: Promote implementation of SFM and enhance the contribution of forests and forest goods and services to the 2030 Agenda **by strengthening cooperation, coordination and political commitment at all levels.**

## IV. Implementation framework

### C. Means and Resources for Implementation of the Strategic Plan

Since the GFFFN is called to play a key role for securing needed funds to the implementation of the Strategic Plan, and giving that GFFFN have been established just in 2015, **a kind of road map for the functioning of the GFFFN is highly required.**

Recently, the Committee of Forest (FAO) during its 23th session, held in July 2016, has recommended to FAO to help Countries in setting up a financing strategy for forest sector. **In this regards, some coherence could be developed with FAO (as a chair of CPF).**

## V. Review Framework

This aspect should be reinforced by **establishing a set of achievement and impacts indicators** (defining data collection methods, frequency, integrate the monitoring and review process into **an information system**).

It will be also beneficial if the indicators set up could serve in **assessing the global SDG indicators related to forests.**

## VI. Communication and outreach strategy

The interest is higher to **promote the coordination with the secretariats** of the CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD to improve and **harmonize communication** of information on forests.