

**Turkey's Comments on  
"Building Blocks/Options for the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030"**

- We would prefer to see the Strategic Plan to touch further upon the possibilities that would enable the transition of developing countries to schemes such as Payments for Environmental Services (PES) or UNFCCC Carbon Pricing Mechanism more comprehensively before introducing other initiatives, organs or mechanisms such as UNFI, IAF, GOFs, SDGs, UNFF, CPF, GFFFN, UNFF Trust Fund, GEF, GCF and GFF.
- The proposals to strengthen the UNFF Trust Fund are mostly based on voluntary contributions. That would likely make it more difficult to garner the support of countries. If the planned Global Forest Fund is established in a similar fashion, it may not be able to make the necessary contribution to the institution building of underdeveloped or developing countries.
- In order to evaluate countries in the framework of UNFI, IAF, GOFs and SDGs, there is a need for developing a set of globally implementable criteria and indicators/outputs, given the difficulties in making this assesment through the existing Sustainable Forest Management criteria and indicator sets. In order to follow-up and evaluate the 2017-2030 Strategic Plan, quantitative and qualitative indicators should be added to this set so that the effectiveness of mechanisms such as UNFF, CPF, GFFFN, UNFF Trust Fund, GEF, GCF and GFF can be better examined.
- Making specific prioritizations and paying particular attention to different levels of development, regional priorities and differences between Sustainable Forest Management capacities in accordance with existing criteria/thematic classification would contribute to efforts towards creating an implementable, prioritized and target oriented document.