## - PROPOSAL -

## Guidelines and Format for reporting on:

# Progress towards implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, the UN Forest Instrument (UNFI), and the Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs)

1. The format is largely narrative, reflecting the qualitative nature of the majority of targets. It builds on and further simplifies the UNFF11 reporting format and is structured around the newly adopted Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and targets of the UNSPF.

2. Member States are asked to submit only information that is not currently provided to CPF member organizations, or that is unavailable in other international databases, as to the extent possible, the information submitted by countries to the UNFFS will be supplemented with quantitative data, inter alia, from the following international data providers:

- FAO, Forest Resources Assessment (FRA)/Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CRFQ) - FAO, Forest Europe, UNECE, ITTO, Montreal Process and OFAC
- Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) FAO, ITTO, UNECE, EUROSTAT
- FAO, State of the World's Forests (SOFO)
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).
- Statistical Division of UN DESA
- UNFCCC
- 3. Member States are kindly requested to:
  - Submit their completed national report electronically (in MS Word) in English, French or Spanish to unff@un.org, by (...), at the latest. Early submissions will greatly facilitate the Secretariat's preparation of the analytical, consolidated Secretary-General's report to UNFFXX.
  - Submit, in a separate electronic file, a scanned version of the official, signed letter conveying their submission from their respective Ministry, or with a *note verbale* from their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.
  - Submit any graphic elements included in their national report, as separate electronic files.
  - In addition to the "Yes" or "No" answers, countries are encouraged to provide brief descriptive narratives, as this provides context and background. Please also note that space provided for the descriptive information is limited to 250 words per question.
  - In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues related to forests and sustainable forest management (SFM), respondents are encouraged to consult with experts from relevant

national ministries to complete the reporting format, including, for example, the ministries of environment, economic development, finance and agriculture. Respondents are also strongly encouraged to consult with the national focal points for the FAO Forest Resources Assessment (FRA), the Rio Conventions, other CPF member organizations and C&I processes, where applicable.

4. Please note that Year 2015 is used as a baseline throughout the document.

5. All terms used in this document are consistent with the FAO/FRA "Terms and Definitions".

## **General information**

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### **GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 1 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS**<sup>1</sup>

Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through SFM, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change.

### **Targets**

- 1.1 Forest area is increased by 3% worldwide.<sup>2</sup>
- 1.2 The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced.
- 1.3 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally.
- 1.4 The resilience and adaptive capacity of all types of forests to natural disasters and the impacts of climate change is significantly strengthened worldwide.

### Questions

1. Since 2015<sup>3</sup>, what <u>types of actions</u> have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 1.1 to 1.4?

Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate to which GFG1 target(s) the action relates:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Goal 1 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among others, Sustainable Development Goal targets 6.6, 12.2, 13.1, 13.3, 14.2, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4 and 15.8, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 15; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.0, 7.d and 7.e.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on FRA 2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Or earlier date where relevant to capture important actions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See page13 of UNSPF: <u>http://www.un.org/esa/forests/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/UNSPF\_AdvUnedited.pdf</u>

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### b. Institutional actions

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Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

c. Financial actions

Target date for completion (if applicable):

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Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

d. **Technical and scientific actions** 

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		Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.	
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		Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.	
		Please indicate if the action contributes to any other GFGs and associated targets, if applicable.	
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- 3. How do the actions provided in your responses to question 1 and 2 above support implementation of the UNFI?
- 4. What are the main challenges to advance or contribute to achievement of GFG1 in your country?
- 5. Do you have any success stories related to GFG1? *Please provide a brief description.*

6. If your government has announced a Voluntary National Contribution (VNC) related to GFG1, please provide brief information on this activity, including target dates, and progress made.

### GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 2 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS<sup>5</sup>

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

### **Targets**

- 2.1 Extreme poverty for all forest dependent people is eradicated.
- 2.2 Increase the access of small-scale forest enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets.
- 2.3 The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased.

2.4 The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economic and environmental development, among others, is significantly increased.

2.5 The contribution of all types of forests to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation is enhanced, taking into account the mandates and ongoing work of relevant conventions and instruments.

### **Questions**

1. Since 2015, what <u>types of actions</u> have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 2.1 to 2.5?

Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate which GFG2 target(s) the action relates:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among others, Sustainable Development Goal targets 1.1, 1.4, 2.4, 4.4, 5.a, 6.6, 8.3, 9.3, 12.2, 12.5, 15.6 and 15.c, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 4, 14 and 18; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.d, 6.e, 6.f, 6.h, 6.j, 6.p, 6.q, 6.t, 6.u, 6.v, 6.y and 7.k.

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Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

### b. Institutional actions

Target date for completion (if applicable):

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Current status of implementation:

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Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

c. Financial actions

Target date for completion (if applicable):

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Current status of implementation:

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### d. **Technical and scientific actions**

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Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

e. Other actions

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Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

2. What other actions are being taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in support of GFG2?

- 3. How do the actions provided in your responses to question 1 and 2 above support implementation of the UNFI?
- 4. What are the main challenges to advance or contribute to achievement of GFG2 in your country?
- 5. Do you have any success stories related to GFG2? *Please provide a brief description*.
- 6. If your government has announced a Voluntary National Contribution (VNC) related to GFG2, please provide brief information on this activity, including target dates, and progress made.

#### **GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 3 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS<sup>6</sup>**

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.

#### **Targets**

3.1 The area of forests worldwide designated as protected areas or conserved through other effective areabased conservation measures is significantly increased.

- 3.2 The area of forests under long-term forest management plans is significantly increased.
- 3.3 The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests is significantly increased.

#### Questions

1. Since 2015, what types of actions have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 3.1 to 3.3?

Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate which GFG3 target(s) the action relates:

a. Legislative and policy actions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Goal 3 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among others, Sustainable Development Goal targets 7.2, 12.2, 12.6, 12.7, 14.2, 14.5, 15.2 and 15.4, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 7, 11, 12 and 16; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.p, 6.q, 6.x, 7.f and 7.g.

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Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

## b. 🗌 Institutional actions

Target date for completion (if applicable):

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Current status of implementation:

Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

c. Financial actions

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Current status of implementation: Planned In progress Completed Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

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Technical and scientific actions

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Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.
Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.
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Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

- 2. What other actions are being taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in support of GFG3?
- 3. How do the actions provided in your responses to question 1 and 2 above support implementation of the UNFI?
- 4. What are the main challenges to advance or contribute to achievement of GFG3 in your country?
- 5. Do you have any success stories related to GFG3? *Please provide a brief description*.
- 6. If your government has announced a Voluntary National Contribution (VNC) related to GFG3, please provide brief information on this activity, including target dates, and progress made.

### **GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 4 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS**<sup>7</sup>

Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of SFM and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships.

#### **Targets**

- 4.1 Mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for conservation and reforestation.
- 4.2 Forest-related financing from all sources at all levels, including public (national, bilateral, multilateral and triangular), private and philanthropic financing is significantly increased.
- 4.3 North-South, South-South, North-North and triangular cooperation and public-private partnerships on science, technology and innovation in the forest sector are significantly enhanced and increased.
- 4.4 The number of countries which have developed and implemented forest financing strategies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Goal 4 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among others, Sustainable Development Goal targets 12.a, 15.7, 15.a, 15.b, 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, 17.6, 17.7, 17.16, 17.17, 17.18 and 17.19, as well Aichi Biodiversity Target 19; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.h, 6.i, 6.m, 6.r, 6.s, 7.a, 7.b, 7.c, 7.l, 7.m, 7.n, 7.o, 7.p and 7.q.

and have access to financing from all sources is significantly increased.

4.5 The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multi-disciplinary scientific assessments.

### **Questions**

1. Since 2015, what <u>types of actions</u> have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 4.1 to 4.5?

*Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate which GFG4 target(s) the action relates:* 

a.	Legislative and policy actions
	Target date for completion (if applicable):
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	Current status of implementation: Planned In progress Completed
	Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.
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	Planned In progress Completed
	Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

## c. 🗌 Financial actions

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	Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.
	Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.
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Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

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- 3. How do the actions provided in your responses to question 1 and 2 above support implementation of the UNFI?
- 4. What are the main challenges to advance or contribute to achievement of GFG4 in your country?
- 5. Do you have any success stories related to GFG4? *Please provide a brief description*.
- 6. If your government has announced a Voluntary National Contribution (VNC) related to GFG4, please provide brief information on this activity, including target dates, and progress made.

### **GFG4** Supplementary questions:

others) in your country in support of GFG4?

1. Since 2015, has your government been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of SFM? If yes, please specify sources:

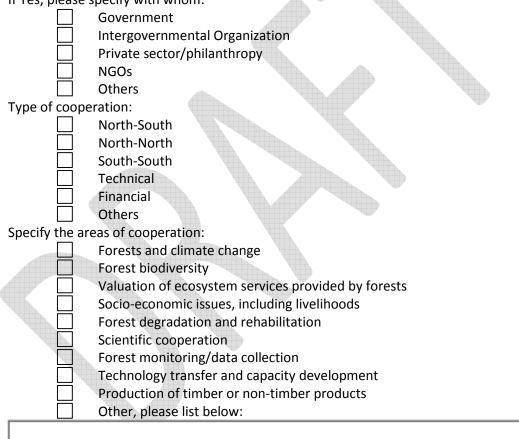
Public domestic funding
 Private domestic funding
 Public international funding (including ODA)
 Private international funding
 Blended financing

Please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds:

2. Is your government engaged in international cooperation to promote SFM?

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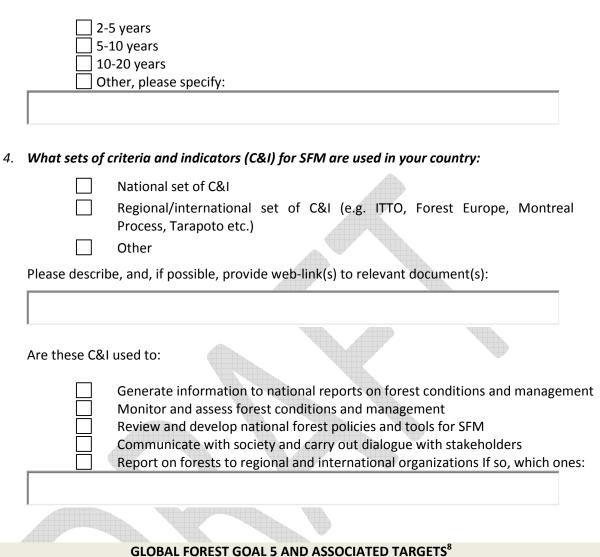
If Yes, please specify with whom:



Please provide up to 3 examples of international cooperation, and, if possible, web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

3. Since 2015, has your government developed or implemented financing strategies to achieve SFM and to implement the UNFI ?

If Yes, what is the timeframe of these strategies?



Promote governance frameworks to implement SFM, including through the UN Forest Instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda.

## **Targets**

5.1 Number of countries which have integrated forests into their national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies is significantly increased.

5.2 Forest law enforcement and governance are enhanced, including through significantly strengthening national and subnational forest authorities, and illegal logging and associated trade is significantly reduced worldwide.

5.3 National and subnational forest-related policies and programs are coherent, coordinated and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Goal 5 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement, among others, of Sustainable Development Goal targets 1.4, 2.4, 5.a, 15.c, 15.9, 16.3, 16.5, 16.6, 16.7, 16.10 and 17.14, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 2 and 3; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.a, 6.c, 6.k, 6.l, 6.n, 6.w, 7.c, 7.h, 7.i and 7.j.

complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous peoples, fully recognizing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

5.4 Forest-related issues and the forest sector are fully integrated into decision-making processes of land use planning and development.

### **Questions**

1. Since 2015, what <u>types of actions</u> have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 5.1 to 5.4?

Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate which GFG15target(s) the action relates:

a.	Legislative and policy actions
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	Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.
b.	Institutional actions
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Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.

Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.

c.	Financial actions
	Target date for completion (if applicable):
	Current status of implementation: Planned In progress Completed
	Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.
	Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.
d.	Technical and scientific actions
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## GFG5 Supplementary questions:

1. In your country, have forests been integrated into the national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies?

If Yes, please specify:

] National sustainable development plans ] Poverty reduction strategies

2. Since 2015, what steps has your government taken to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking of forest products, wildlife and other biological resources?

New legislation
Improved enforcement of existing legislation
Export controls
Import controls
Bilateral agreements between exporting/importing countries
□ None
Other, e.g. public procurement policies, public-private partnerships. Please list
below:

- 3. What types of mechanisms are currently in place to ensure cross-sectoral coordination among government agencies?
- 4. What type of mechanisms are currently in place for involving stakeholders in forest/SFM policy formulation, planning and implementation?
- 5. What type of mechanisms are currently in place for involving forest sector in cross-sectoral coordination among government agencies in charge of land-use planning and development?

### **GLOBAL FOREST GOAL 6 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS**<sup>9</sup>

Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN System and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Goal 6 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among others, Sustainable Development Goal target 17.14; and are supported by UNFI actions 6.b, 6.c, 6.g, 6.m, 6.w, 7.r and 7.s.

## Targets

6.1 Forest-related programmes within the UN system are coherent and complementary and integrate the Global Forest Goals and targets where appropriate. *Not applicable for national reporting* 

6.2 Forest-related programmes across CPF member organizations are coherent and complementary and together encompass the multiple contributions of forests and the forest sector to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. *Not applicable for national reporting* 

6.3 Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote SFM and halt deforestation and forest degradation is significantly enhanced at all levels.

6.4 A greater common understanding of the concept of SFM is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified.

6.5 The input and involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the UNSPF and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened.

### **Questions**

1. Since 2015, what <u>types of actions</u> have been taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to targets 6.3 to 6.5?

Please select all applicable actions. Please briefly describe each action including its results to date (250 words max). Please indicate which GFG6 target(s) the action relates:

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	Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.			
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	Please indicate the relevant thematic areas for action if applicable.				
	Please indicate if any of the actions contribute to other GFGs and associated targets.				
What other actions are being taken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil soci others) in your country in support of GFG6 ?					
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4. What are the main challenges to advance or contribute to achievement of GFG6 in your country?

5. Do you have any success stories related to GFG6? *Please provide a brief description*.

6. If your government has announced a Voluntary National Contribution (VNC) related to GFG6, please provide brief information on this activity, including target dates, and progress made.

#### **OTHER QUESTIONS**

1. Since 2015 has your country taken any actions to promote gender equality in the forest sector?

Yes
No

If yes, please indicate actions taken on the following

Women's access to control and use of forest resources;
 Women's participation in decision making at household and community levels;
 Women's participation and representation in forest management institutions
 Other

Please provide a short description:

- 2. What actions have been undertaken (by government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in observance of the International Day of Forests?
  - Cultural activities (eg. art, music, film, and theater)
     Educational activities (eg. workshops and symposia)
     Media activities (eg. newspapers, magazines, TV and radio)
     Social Media Activities
     Other

Please provide 2-3 examples, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):