



Monitoring, assessment and reporting on progress towards implementing the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030

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Guidance on voluntary national reporting to UNFF

ECOSOC resolution 2015/33




- Requests a reporting cycle and format for UNFF12

UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030

- Review to be based on internationally agreed indicators
- Reporting should take into account the FRA and SDG review cycles

UNFF 4POW 2017-2020 for UNFF12 – 3 MAR items

- Cycle & format for voluntary national reporting
- Progress on the development of global indicators
- Measures to synchronize data and reduce reporting burden

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Proposed format: voluntary national reporting



- Addresses progress on UNSPF, UNFI and VNCs (per guidance in the 4POW 2017-2020 for UNFF12)
- Proposal based on:
 - OLI on Global Set of Forest Indicators (Rome, Nov. 2016)
 - Expert Meeting on reporting to UNFF (Brasilia, Feb. 2017)
 - Subsequent email inputs from Member States, CPF members and Major Groups

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Proposed cycle: UNFF voluntary national reporting



- Progress on implementing the UNSPF and UNFI is a function for odd-year Forum sessions (as per ECOSOC resolution 2015/33)
- Proposed cycle – a flexible approach:
 - 2019 (UNFF14) – 1st round of reporting to pilot new reporting format and make adjustments as needed.
 - 2021 (UNFF16) – 2nd round of reporting to benefit from FRA 2020
 - Subsequent cycle of reporting TBD

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Key features of the proposed reporting format



- Structured around Global Forest Goals and targets
- Largely narrative format
- Same set of 7 questions under each Goal, including a question on progress on voluntary national contributions
- 2015 is used as a baseline – or earlier where relevant,
- Terms and definitions consistent with FAO/FRA

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Other features of the proposed reporting format



- Goals 1 to 3 (which include some numerical targets) will be supplemented by quantitative data
- Goals 4 to 6 include additional questions – which are mostly based on the questions from the UNFF11 reporting template
- Additional questions included: on promoting Gender equality and on the International Day of Forests

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Annex II: Preliminary list of potential indicators



- Process of development of global forest indicators is ongoing
- The list in Annex II reflects the work in progress:
 - includes SDG forest related indicators
 - potential Global Forest Indicators, and
 - FAO/FRA variables
- New CPF Task Force on the global set of indicators (established after OLI in Nov 2016)
- Aim is to have complete list of global forest indicators by 2019

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