

United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat

Expert Meeting on Reporting to the United Nations Forum on Forests

United Nations Office in Nairobi, 21-23 November 2017 Report of the workshop

Introduction

1. The objective of the workshop was to review voluntary national reporting under UN Strategic Plan on Forests, and make recommendations to UNFF13, particularly on the reporting format, and the reporting cycle, basing its considerations on experience with a pilot reporting phase.
2. 42 experts from 32 member states and 5 organizations participated in the workshop in a personal capacity. They came from the following countries: Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, People's Republic of China, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Finland, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Serbia, Saint Lucia, Senegal and South Africa. The following organizations were represented: Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe / FAO (UNECE/FAO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the secretariat of United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFFS). Written contributions were received from Australia and Japan.
3. The workshop was co-chaired by Ms. Maureen Whelan (Canada) and Mr. Tomasz Juszcak (UNFFS)
4. Participants were welcomed by representatives of the UNFF secretariat and the Government of Kenya.

Discussions of the expert workshop

5. The workshop discussed many aspects linked with the pilot reporting format and the reporting cycle on the basis of a background paper prepared by a consultant to the secretariat. Some of the main points made are briefly summarized below.
6. Collecting data at the national level, including from non-forest centered agencies, required considerable time, and this should be taken into account when planning the reporting cycle. Six months was a reasonable estimate for the time needed by countries to prepare their reports (between the date the reporting format is circulated and the deadline for receiving the reports). Likewise, considerable time and resources will be needed for processing the information, dialogue with countries (checking, clarification, requests for further information), doing the analysis, both of measured trends with statistical information and synthesizing large quantities of narrative information, and preparing the first draft. This would

- be followed by a period of review, internal and external, comments, correction and redrafting. UNFF focal points might be requested to check the final product for correctness as regards information concerning their own country.
7. Participants stressed the importance of detailed guidelines on reporting, and of further sharing of experience between national respondents. In the absence of such detailed guidelines and sharing of experience, respondents in the pilot phase had interpreted certain questions in inconsistent ways. The detailed guidelines should not be imposed top-down, but proposed by the secretariat, on the basis of official mandates and in cooperation with partners, and then discussed in detail with those responsible for reporting at the national level. A workshop bringing together the study team and those responsible for preparing national reports should be held, possibly in 2018.
 8. The workshop was informed of progress on the Global Core Set of forest-related indicators, and took note of its objective to increase clarity and reduce reporting burdens by identifying a small core set which could be used by many agencies responsible for producing and analysing forest-related information. The CPF would finalise the Global Core Set in 2017 and present it to UNFF 13. The workshop did not express an opinion of specific indicators, but noted that some of the indicators referred to important policy commitments (e.g. on forest dependent people or forests' contribution to food security), but for which, at present, there is no robust international set of comparable data. This situation would clearly have a negative influence on monitoring progress towards the targets affected: the workshop strongly recommended that UNFF and CPF put in place measures address the obstacles and improve the situation as soon as possible. Indicators for which major difficulties remain are 15 (number of forest dependent people in extreme poverty), 4 (area designated and/or managed for protection), 14 (area of degraded forest), 16 (financial resources from all sources for implementation of SFM) and 20 (threatened forest dependent species). At least one major policy commitment (on forests' contribution to food security) is at present on a "candidate list" for the Global Core Set as the monitoring situation is still uncertain. Although data problems are foreseeable in these areas, the workshop recommended that requests for data on these issues should not be incorporated into the reporting format, considering it unnecessary to increase the reporting burden, with little likelihood of a significant improvement in availability of comparable data at the global level. It suggested that the secretariat should investigate how to overcome these challenges.
 9. The workshop was informed of the situation with regard to requests to announce voluntary national contributions, and noted that guidelines for announcing voluntary national contributions had not been issued. It recommended that the reporting format should address voluntary national contributions, but that the exact format should only be finalised when the process that will be put in place to announce these contributions was clearer.

Recommendations of the workshop

10. The workshop reviewed the reporting format used for the pilot and agreed on a number of changes, in the light of the experience gained in the pilot phase. The revised reporting format, incorporating the workshop's comments is in annex 1.
11. The workshop strongly endorsed the concept of a flagship study in 2021, focused on progress towards progress towards the Global Forest Goals and Targets, prepared by UNFF with a wide range of partners. A "flagship study" is one which is ambitious and visible, and addresses the core issues for which an agency is responsible. It should have substance, as well as a symbolic importance, be well presented and addressed to an audience wider than those who constitute the agency's core community. Such a study by UNFF would generate a clear story based on facts, and demonstrate the ability of the United Nations to speak with a single voice to major forest issues, demonstrating the contribution of forests to the Global Agenda 2030 (SDGs), as well as the central position of UNFF. It was desirable to maintain momentum from the reporting cycle to the final study. As extra resources would be necessary for such a study, once the principle of a flagship study has been approved, the UNFF secretariat should approach potential donors and seek support for the work.
12. The workshop identified a number of advantages which could be expected from a visible and ambitious flagship study, building on official data, both on outcomes, notably through FRA, and on actions taken to implement the commitments. These advantages could be summarised as follows:
 - Get information for policy decisions, focusing on major questions:
 - Is progress sufficient?
 - What else is needed?
 - Track global progress towards sustainable forest management and the Global Forest Goals and Targets. Progress towards the Goals and Targets at the national level should also be tracked through the reporting process.
 - Communication, awareness raising of forest issues
 - Put forests on the global agenda
 - Raise the awareness and understanding of the issues of politicians and decision makers by sharing the reporting process with them
 - Facilitate access to finance by demonstrating issues and challenges
 - Raise awareness of what sustainable forest management is, and correct misunderstandings
 - Work from facts to a strong and understandable story (at global, regional and national level)
 - Provide reference material for education and research
 - Demonstrate the capacity of forest partners to work together.
 - Improve synergies at national and international level, notably on cross-sectoral issues and between stakeholders.
 - Share experience
 - Provide an opportunity for capacity building
 - Provide an opportunity to involve private sector
 - Bring advantages at national level: stimulate data collection, clarify broad objectives and vision of forest policy, improve cooperation between institutions and agencies

13. The value added of the flagship study, compared to other forest related studies, would be:
- Its focus on monitoring global commitments (Global Forest Goals and Targets)
 - The comprehensive and inclusive nature of the study (all dimensions of sustainable forest management, all countries)
 - The authority it would have as it comes from the forest policy centre of the UN system, working with member states and many partners, using officially supplied information
14. The workshop agreed that 2021 was an appropriate date for the flagship report, as it was about 5 years after the adoption of the Goals and Targets, and could use and build on the results of FRA2020. The detailed timeline for reporting proposed by the expert workshop is in annex 2. When the first cycle was complete, future studies could be coordinated with the FRA which is on a five-year reporting cycle. The workshop noted the usefulness of coordinating activities with FRA and other processes, to reduce the reporting burden and have a comprehensive and reliable data base.

Annex 1

Reporting format - incorporating proposals of the workshop

Proposed format for reporting on progress towards the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030, the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions

Note: Detailed guidelines will be prepared and discussed which will, among other things, state the purpose of reporting and how the data will be used.

References to voluntary national contributions (VNCs) will be harmonized with the process which will be put in place for announcing VNCs.

1. The format is structured around the global forest goals and targets of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 and builds on the format previously used for reporting to the United Nations Forum on Forests at its eleventh session. It is largely narrative, reflecting the qualitative nature of many of the targets.

2. Only information that is not currently provided to the member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests or that is unavailable in other international databases is requested. The information submitted will be supplemented with quantitative data, among other things, from the following international data providers:

(a) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Forest Resources Assessments/Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaires, Forest Europe, UN Economic Commission for Europe, International Tropical Timber Organization, Montréal Process and Observatory for the Forests of Central Africa;

(b) Reports on the state of the world's forests produced every two years by FAO;

(c) Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;

(d) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development;

(e) Other data sources, including the Forest Stewardship Council and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification.

3. Members are kindly requested:

(a) To submit their completed national reports electronically (in Microsoft Word format) in English, French or Spanish to unff@un.org by [*date to be determined*], bearing in mind that early submissions will greatly facilitate the secretariat's preparation of the "Report on the progress towards the Goals and targets of the UNSPF" [*title and focus to be determined*] to be presented to UNFF in 2021 [*to be confirmed*];

(b) To submit, in a separate electronic file, a scanned version of the official signed letter conveying their submission from the respective ministry, or with a note verbale from their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York;

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(c) In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues relating to forests and sustainable forest management, to consult experts from relevant national ministries, such as those of the environment, economic development, finance and agriculture, in completing the reporting format and to consult the national focal points for the forest resources assessments, the Rio Conventions, other member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and criteria and indicators processes and relevant stakeholders, where applicable. Members may also wish to consult stakeholders when preparing their report.

4. The year 2015 is used as a baseline.
5. Where possible, all terms used herein are consistent with the terms and definitions used by the FAO Forest Resources Assessment.
6. Wherever possible, please indicate the source of information, or provide a weblink.

General information

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Global forest goal 1 and associated targets¹

Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, 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 per cent worldwide²
- 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 impact of climate change is significantly strengthened worldwide

Questions on Goal 1

1.1. Since 2015,³ what types of action have been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 1.1 to 1.4?

Please indicate to which targets the actions relate and briefly describe the results to date (in a maximum of 250 words). For each action, please indicate whether it is continuous, planned, in progress or completed.

1.1.A. Legislative and policy actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

1.1.B. Institutional actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

1.1.C. Financial actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

¹ Goal 1 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, Sustainable Development Goal targets 6.6, 12.2, 13.1, 13.3, 14.2, 15.1-15.4 and 15.8, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 15, and are supported by United Nations forest instrument actions 6.o, 7.d and 7.e.

² Based on the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015.

³ Or earlier, where relevant to capturing important action. The same applies hereafter.

1.1.D. Technical and scientific actions

<i>List of actions</i>
<i>Description of actions:</i>

1.2. How do the actions listed above support the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

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1.3. What are the main challenges in achieving goal 1 in your country?

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1.4. If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 1, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

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1.5. Any additional comments on goal 1:

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Global forest goal 2 and associated targets⁴

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 other things, is significantly increased
- 2.5 The contribution of all types of forests to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation is enhanced,

⁴ Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, 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 United Nations forest instrument actions 6.d-6.f, 6.h, 6.j, 6.p, 6.q, 6.t-6.v, 6.y and 7.k.

taking into account the mandates and ongoing work of relevant conventions and instruments

Questions on Goal 2

2.1. Since 2015, what types of action have been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 2.1 to 2.5?

Please indicate to which targets the actions relate and briefly describe the results to date (in a maximum of 250 words). For each action, please indicate whether it is continuous, planned, in progress or completed.

2.1.A. Legislative and policy actions

<i>List of actions:</i>
<i>Description of actions:</i>

2.1.B. Institutional actions

<i>List of actions:</i>
<i>Description of actions:</i>

2.1.C. Financial actions

<i>List of actions:</i>
<i>Description of actions:</i>

2.1.D. Technical and scientific actions

<i>List of actions:</i>
<i>Description of actions:</i>

2.2. What other action is being taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in support of the achievement of goal 2?

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2.3. How does the action listed above support the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

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2.4. What are the main challenges in achieving goal 2 in your country?

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2.5. If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 2, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

2.6. Any additional comments on goal 2:

Global forest goal 3 and associated targets⁵

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 area-based 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 on Goal 3

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

Please indicate to which targets the actions relate and briefly describe the results to date (in a maximum of 250 words). For each action, please indicate whether it is continuous, planned, in progress or completed.

3.1.A. Legislative and policy actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

3.1.B. Institutional actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

3.1.C. Financial actions

List of actions;

Description of actions;

⁵ Goal 3 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, 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 United Nations forest instrument actions 6.p, 6.q, 6.x, 7.f and 7.g.

3.1.D. Technical and scientific actions

3.2. What other action is being taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in support of the achievement of goal 3?

3.3. How does the action listed above support the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

3.4. What are the main challenges in achieving goal 3 in your country?

3.5. If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 3, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

3.6. Any additional comments on goal 3:

Global forest goal 4 and associated targets⁶

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

Associated 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

⁶ Goal 4 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, Sustainable Development Goal targets 12.a, 15.7, 15.a, 15.b, 17.1-17.3, 17.6, 17.7 and 17.16-17.19, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Target 19, and are supported by United Nations forest instrument actions 6.h, 6.i, 6.m, 6.r, 6.s, 7.a-7.c, 7.l and 7.m-7.q.

- 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 that have developed and implemented forest financing strategies 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, multidisciplinary scientific assessments

Questions on Goal 4

4.1 Please describe major actions taken in your country to move towards Goal 4 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below

4.2 If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 4, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

Progress towards Targets 4.1 and 4.2

4.3 Since 2015, has your country (the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of sustainable forest management?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify the sources:

- Public domestic funding
- Private domestic funding
- Public international funding, including official development assistance
- Private international funding
- Blended financing

Please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds:

250 words maximum please

Progress towards Target 4.3

4.4 Is your country (the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) engaged in international cooperation to promote sustainable forest management?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify the entity or entities with which your country is cooperating:

- Governments
- Intergovernmental organizations/processes
- Private sector
- Non-governmental organizations
- Other

Types of cooperation:

- North-South
- South-South
- North-North
- Triangular
- Technical
- Financial
- Other (please specify)

Areas of cooperation:

- Forests and climate change
- Forest biodiversity
- Valuation of the ecosystem services provided by forests
- Socioeconomic issues, including livelihoods
- Forest degradation and rehabilitation
- Scientific cooperation
- Forest monitoring/data collection
- Technology transfer and capacity development
- Production of timber or non-timber products
- Other (please specify):

Progress towards Target 4.4

4.5 Since 2015, has your Government developed or implemented financing strategies to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations Forest Instrument?

- Yes No

If yes, what is the time frame for these strategies (multiple answers possible, if there is more than one strategy)?

- 2-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-20 years
- More than 20 years

Global forest goal 5 and associated targets⁷

Promote governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Associated targets:

- 5.1 Number of countries that 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 are significantly reduced worldwide
- 5.3 National and subnational forest-related policies and programmes are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous peoples, fully recognizing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- 5.4 Forest-related issues and the forest sector are fully integrated into decision-making processes concerning land use planning and development

Questions on Goal 5

- 5.1 Please describe major actions taken in your country to move towards Goal 5 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below

- 5.2 If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 5, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

Progress towards Target 5.1

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

Yes No

⁷ Goal 5 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement, among other things, of Sustainable Development Goal targets 1.4, 2.4, 5.a, 15.c, 15.9, 16.3, 16.5-16.7, 16.10 and 17.14, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 2 and 3, and are supported by United Nations forest instrument actions 6.a, 6.c, 6.k, 6.l, 6.n, 6.w, 7.c and 7.h-7.j.

If yes, please specify if integrated into:

- National sustainable development plans and/or
- Poverty reduction strategies

Progress towards Target 5.2

5.4 Since 2015, has your Government taken steps to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking in forest products, wildlife and other biological resources?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify the type of action:

- New legislation
- Improved enforcement of existing legislation
- Export controls
- Import controls
- Bilateral agreements between exporting/importing countries
- Other, e.g. public procurement policies and public-private partnerships.
Please list below:

Progress towards Target 5.3

5.5 Are mechanisms in place to ensure cross-sectoral coordination among government agencies?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify:

Maximum 250 words, please

5.6 What types of mechanism are in place to involve stakeholders in forest/sustainable forest management policy formulation, planning and implementation?
Please specify:

Maximum 250 words, please

Progress towards Target 5.4

5.7 Are mechanisms in place to involve the forest sector in cross-sectoral coordination among government agencies in charge of land use planning and development?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify:

Maximum 250 words, please

Global forest goal 6 and associated targets⁸

Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the United Nations system and across member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

Note: Targets 6.1 and 6.2 are not included in this section of the reporting format as they address actions by the international community, not at national level

Associated targets

- 6.3 Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation are significantly enhanced at all levels
- 6.4 A greater common understanding of the concept of sustainable forest management 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 strategic plan and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened

Questions on Goal 6

6.1 Please describe major actions taken in your country to move towards Goal 6 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

6.2 If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 6, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

Progress towards Target 6.4 (criteria and indicators)

6.3 Are criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management used in your country?

Yes No

If yes, please specify which sets are used:

- National or subnational
- Regional/international⁹
- Other: please specify

⁹ For instance, International Tropical Timber Organization, Forest Europe, Montréal Process, Tarapoto Proposal on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainability of Amazonian Forests

For which of the following purposes are they used (multiple answers possible)?

- To generate information for national reports on forest conditions and management
- To monitor and assess forest conditions and management
- To review and develop national forest policies and tools for sustainable forest management
- To communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders
- To report on forests to regional and international organizations (please specify):

Progress towards Target 6.4 (communication and awareness)

6.4 Since 2015, have actions been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to communicate and promote a greater understanding and awareness of sustainable forest management?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify

Maximum 250 words please

Progress towards Target 6.5

6.5 Have actions been taken by your Government to involve major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify

Maximum 250 words, please

Other questions

7.1. Since 2015, has your country taken action to promote gender equality in the forest sector?

- Yes
- No

⁹ For instance, International Tropical Timber Organization, Forest Europe, Montréal Process, Tarapoto Proposal on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainability of Amazonian Forests

If yes, please indicate action taken with regard to the following:

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

Please provide a brief description:

7.2. What action has been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in observance of the International Day of Forests?

- Cultural activities (e.g. art, music, film and theatre)
- Educational activities (e.g. workshops and symposiums)
- Media activities (e.g. newspapers, magazines, television and radio)
- Social media activities
- Other

Please provide two to three examples and, if possible, a weblink or weblinks to relevant documentation:

Success stories

Do you have any success stories relating to the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests in your country? If so, please provide a brief description, with references (web links, publications, articles etc.), showing how the action contributed to achieving the goals and targets, and specifying which Goals and Targets are relevant. Please provide a maximum of three success stories.

Success story 1

Action taken:

Goals and targets addressed:

Outcome and results achieved:

How did this action contribute to the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests?

References:

Success story 2

Action taken:

Goals and targets addressed:

Outcome and results achieved:

How did this action contribute to the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests?

References:

Success story 3

Action taken:

Goals and targets addressed:

Outcome and results achieved:

How did this action contribute to the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests?

References:

Annex 2

Suggested timeline for a reporting cycle to monitor progress towards the Global Forest Goals and Targets

- 2021: UNFF reviews progress towards Global Forest Goals and Targets, on base of flagship study.
- 2020: analysis of national reports and FRA 2020 results, drafting, internal and external review. Study published late 2020/early 2021.
- 2019: Structure put in place: advisory group formed, lead authors identified, workshop for national correspondents. Circulation of reporting format in good time to national correspondents (deadline end 2019, so circulation of reporting format no later than June 2019)
- 2018: UNFF 13 discusses possibility of ambitious flagship study, based on voluntary reporting, and, if agreed, issues guidance for study, agrees budget. It endorses the revised reporting format and agrees on the reporting cycle. Planning: work on weak points of information system, discussion of study outline
- 2017: Reporting format revised in light of workshop discussion, circulated for comment.