

EU INPUT FOR THE KEY MESSAGES OF THE HIGH-LEVEL DECLARATION OF UNFF15

The European Union and its Member States highlight the following aspects when preparing the draft high-level declaration for UNFF15.

- The declaration should be succinct and forward-looking, prioritising those topics that are deemed most important
- The declaration should be built around three central elements:
 1. The work of UNFF and its secretariat and Collaborative Partnership on Forests
 2. The forest-related global policy agenda
 3. High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2020

1. On **UNFF and its secretariat, and the CPF**, the EU and its Member States wish to concentrate on the following:

- Appreciate the renewal of UNFF in 2015, the UNSPF and the outcomes of the quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for 2017–2020
- Focus on the priorities for the next quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for 2021–2024
- Focus on the priorities for the CPF work plan for 2021–2024
- Focus on the interlinkages and synergies between the two programmes

2. On the **forest-related global policy agenda**, the EU and its Member States wish to concentrate on the following:

- Relationship with Agenda 2030, including the Sustainable Development Goals
- The 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the post-2020 biodiversity framework
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Land-use and land-use change

3. On **High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2020**, the EU and its Member States wish to concentrate on the following:

- The forest sector's contribution to the HLPF 2020 themes
 - The EU is prepared to provide additional input at a later stage