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Format for United Nations Forum on Forests regional/sub-regional partners reporting on progress towards the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030 and the United Nations Forest Instrument

1. The format is structured around the global forest goals and targets of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030.
2. While considering the word limits, regional and sub-regional entities are invited to provide as much detail as possible in their answers, including regarding figures and deadlines, if applicable.
3. The year 2015 is used as a baseline.
4. Where possible, all terms used herein are consistent with the terms and definitions used by the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment.
5. Wherever possible, please indicate the source of information or provide a weblink.

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General Information

Information on Entity

Official Name:	African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC)
Membership:	<p>52 member countries : Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe</p> <p>Observers:</p> <p>UN agencies and bodies, African Development Bank (AfDB); African Union Commission (AUC); African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), African Forest Forum (AFF); Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC); Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC); African Academy of Sciences (AAS); Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR); Commonwealth Secretariat; The Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES Secretariat); Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS); Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD); International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC); International Foundation for Conservation and Development of Wildlife (IFCDW); International Forestry Student's Association (IFSA), International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO); International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO); Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC); League of Arab States (LAS); Mano River Union (MRU); the Network for Natural Gums and Resins in Africa (NGARA), Niger Basin Authority (NBA); Organization for Conservation of African Wildlife; Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); Senegal River Basin Development Authority (OMVS); Pan-African Institute for Development; Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall, Permanent Inter-States Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS); Southern African Development Community (SADC); West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA); East African Community (EAC); Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA); World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF);</p>

	World Alliance for Nature, World Conservation Union (IUCN); Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP); International Foundation for the Conservation of Wildlife; African Wildlife Foundation, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF); Forest Invasive Species Network for Africa (FISNA); African Forest Research Network (AFORNET); African Forest Action Network (FAN); African Network of Agriculture and Forestry Education (ANAFE); the French agricultural research and international cooperation organization (CIRAD); Safari Club International Foundation; International Fund for the Protection of Animals (IFAW); Lusaka Agreement Task Force; the French Fund for Global Environment; Wangari Maathai Foundation; The Wildlife Trade Network (TRAFFIC); and the Central African Protected Areas Network (RAPAC).
Mandate:	Established in 1959, to advise on the formulation of forest and wildlife management policy and to review and coordinate its implementation at the regional level; to exchange information and, generally through special Subsidiary Bodies, advise on suitable practices and action in regard to technical problems; and to make appropriate recommendations in relation to the foregoing

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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

Associated targets

- 1.1 Forest area is increased by 3 per cent worldwide ²
- 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. (a) Since 2015, ³ what types of action have been taken by your entity to support Member States to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 1.1–1.4?

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

- (i) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions	Description of actions
<i>Support the African Union Commission for the development of an African Union Sustainable Forest Management Framework</i>	Technical support in the preparation of the African Union Sustainable Forest Management Programme Framework including organization of consultation meetings, drafting, editing and translation of the framework.
Support to SADC and SADC countries in the development of a SADC Great Green Wall Initiative	Technical support in the development of the strategy and consultation meetings for review and validation
<i>Support to ECA for the preparation of a SFM strategy</i>	Technical support in the development of the strategy and consultation meetings for review and validation

- (ii) Institutional actions (actions to advance implementation of SFM)

List of actions	Description of actions
Support the development, implementation and coordination of an African Forest and Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR 100) with commitments from countries for restoration	Technical support provided to the AFR100 Secretariat (AUDA/NEPAD) as well as to member countries in terms of technical capacity, monitoring and resource mobilization
Support countries in planning and implementing activities related to the restoration of forests and other degraded lands, in particular	Technical support and capacity development through the Forest and landscape Restoration Mechanism and the Action against desertification programme in support to the Great Green Wall, development of a

	GEF-7 Impact programme for the Miombo ecosystems

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

² Based on the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015.

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

(iii) Financial actions

List of actions	Description of actions
Support resource mobilization efforts of member countries and regional institutions	Capacity building on resource mobilization (GCF, GEF, etc) and preparation of regional and national project proposals for the green Climate Fund, the GEF funds and other extrabudgetary resources through different windows

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions	Description of actions

(b) How do the actions listed above support Member States in the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

List of actions	Description of actions

(c) What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal 1 in your region?

- Competition between forestry and the other sectors (agricultural including livestock),
- Developing cross-sectoral collaboration between the forestry, agricultural and other land use sectors ,
- Weak institutional capacities to face the huge challenges of the region in term of technical, education, financial capacities and the emerging issues (climate change, and restoration, desertification, insecurity).

(d) Any additional comments on goal 1:



Global forest goal 2 and associated targets⁴

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

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

Questions on goal 2

2. (a) Since 2015, what types of action have been taken by your entity to support Member States to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 2.1–2.5?

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

- (i) Legislative and policy actions

FAO support on-going initiatives in Africa, including country to country knowledge exchange and sub-regional / regional programmes:

- on forests for food security through development of sub-regional programme on forests for food security and nutrition in Central Africa.
- Development of Guidelines for formulation of community-based action plans for addressing the Human-Wildlife Conflict at Local level
- Support to analysis of market value chains of forest products and building capacities of forest products networks such as supporting the Network for natural gums and resins in Africa in developing their Strategic plan (2017-2030)
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- (ii) Institutional actions (actions to advance implementation of SFM)



⁴ Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, 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 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 4, 14 and 18, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (d)–(f), (h), (j), (p), (q), (t)–(v) and (y) and 7 (k) of the United Nations forest instrument.

(iii) Financial actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

Through its regional programmes and initiatives, FAO :

- support countries to improve the quantity and availability of data related to woodfuel production and consumption in countries, timber movement,
- create an enabling environment for sustainable small scale forest and wildlife enterprises development;
- support its members in efforts to strengthen their capacities and provide technical support for gender and youth mainstreaming in forest and wildlife policies and their implementation, capacity building/training of trainers on Market analysis and development.

(b) What other action is being taken by your entity in support Member States to achieve goal 2?

Through its Forest and Farm Facility, FAO and its collaborators provide direct financial support and technical assistance to strengthen forest and farm producer organizations representing smallholders, rural women's groups, local communities and indigenous peoples' institutions

(c) How does the action listed above support Member States in the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

(d) What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal 2 in your region?

(e) 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

Associated 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. (a) Since 2015, what types of action have been taken by your entity to support Member States to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 3.1–3.3?

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

(i) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

(ii) Institutional actions (actions to advance implementation of SFM)

List of actions:

Description of actions:

Supported the establishment of viable sustainable trans-frontier conservation area linking forest reserves between countries in West Africa.

⁵ Goal 3 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 7.2, 12.2, 12.6, 12.7, 14.2,

14.5, 15.2 and 15.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 7, 11, 12 and 16, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (p), (q) and (x) and 7 (f) and (g) of the United Nations forest instrument.

(iii) Financial actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

FAO supports member countries in Africa to develop necessary technical and institutional capacities to systematically value the contribution of forests and wildlife resources to national economies and to local livelihoods through baseline and stocktaking studies on Non Wood Forest Products, commercialization of timber, conducting regional workshops and experts meetings, development of extension manual,

(b) What other action is being taken your entity in support Member States to achieve goal 3?

(c) How does the action listed above support Member States in the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

(d) What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal 3 in your region?

(e) 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
- 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. (a) Please describe major actions taken in your region to move towards goal 4 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

Progress towards targets 4.1 and 4.2

FAO is working toward strengthening collaboration with private sector, research and academia and the civil society organizations.

- (b) Since 2015, has your entity been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources to support Member States in the implementation of sustainable forest management?

X Yes No

Please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds in a maximum of 250 words:

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

Progress towards target 4.3

(c) Please specify the actors/stakeholders with which your entity is cooperating:

- Governments
- Intergovernmental organizations/processes
- Private sector
- Non-governmental organizations
- Other (please specify):

Types of cooperation:

- X 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
- X Technology transfer and capacity development
- X Production of timber or non-timber products
- Other (please specify): Forest and landscape restoration

Progress towards target 4.4

(d) Since 2015, has your entity supported Member States in developing or implementing financing strategies to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations forest instrument?

Yes

No

Comments if needed:

Global forest goal 5 and associated targets ⁷

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. (a) Please describe major actions taken in your region to move towards goal 5 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

A sub regional monitoring process of forest-related SDGs was launched by COMIFAC member countries with FAO support, the. COMIFAC Guidelines on monitoring forest-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is being drafted.

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

Progress towards target 5.2

(b) Since 2015, has your entity supported Member States in promoting or participating in National/Regional/Sub-Regional initiatives to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking in forest products, wildlife and other biological resources?

Yes

No

Comments if needed:

- FAO (in its role as Biodiversity Platform) facilitates Africa multistakeholder dialogue on biodiversity mainstreaming in agricultural sectors, including crops and livestock production systems, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture in the African region, in collaboration with member countries and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- FAO increased its support for sustainable forest and wildlife management at national levels and regional level. FAO collaborated with African Union Commission, ECOWAS, CIFOR, CIRAD, Wildlife Conservation Society, on a regional high-level dialogue on enhancing the protection and conservation of endangered species in West Africa, with special reference to rosewood, sustainable hunting
- FAO enhance efforts to popularize the voluntary guidelines on forest tenure in countries and provide support on implementation of activities aimed at strengthening land and tree tenure issues.
- FAO support member countries in scaling up their investment in NWFPs and supported NWFPs development, sustainable harvesting and marketing of NWFPs in community forest.

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 taken by the international community, and not those taken at the 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. (a) Please describe major actions taken in your region to move towards goal 6 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

FAO strengthened partnerships with the African Union Commission and the sub-regional Economic Communities in Africa.

⁸ Goal 6 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, target 17.14 of the Sustainable Development Goals and are supported by paragraphs 6 (b), (c), (g), (m) and (w) and 7 (r) and (s) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Progress towards target 6.3 (cross-sectorial coordination and cooperation)

(b) Please describe major actions taken in your region to regarding cross-sectorial coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation.

- FAO completed the National Forest Policy updates for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) member countries and supported the development of a sub-regional strategy for enhancing the participation of civil society actors in forest policy formulation in the ECOWAS.
- FAO strengthened partnerships with the African Union Commission and the sub-regional Economic Communities in Africa.
- FAO promoted multistakeholders collaboration through Multisectoral Dialogue and Learning Event. For example by addressing Issues at the Human-Wildlife-Livestock-Ecosystem Interface in Africa

Progress towards target 6.4 (criteria and indicators)

(c) Are there criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management used by your entity?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify which sets are used:

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)

(d) Since 2015, have actions been taken by your entity to communicate and promote a greater understanding and awareness of sustainable forest management?

- X **Yes** No

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

FAO provided wide support in profiling the forest sector at global (World Forestry Congress), regional and subregional levels through including the Nature and Faune magazine publication in Africa, Communication kits, social media, development of Guidelines, TV, interviews, Press releases, knowledge products, videos, etc.

Progress towards target 6.5

(e) Have actions been taken by your entity to involve major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030?

X **Yes** No

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

Other questions

7. (a) Since 2015, has your entity taken action to support Member States in promoting gender equality in the forest sector?

X **Yes** No

If yes, please indicate action taken regarding the following:

X **Women's effective access to the control and use of forest resources**

X **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:

(b) What action has been taken by your entity in observance of the International Day of Forests?

Cultural activities (for example, art, music, film and theatre)

X **Educational activities (for example, workshops and symposiums)**

X **Media activities (for example, newspapers, magazines, television and radio)**

X **Social media activities**

Other

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

<http://www.fao.org/international-day-of-forests/en/>

Success stories

8. Does your entity have any success stories relating to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017– 2030? If so, please provide a brief description, with references (such as weblinks, publications and articles), 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 : Great Green Wall for the Sahel and Sahara Initiative

www.fao.org/in-action/action-against-desertification

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Action taken:

Goals and targets addressed:

Outcome and results achieved: