



Annex 4

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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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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.

Target 1.1 and 1.3

- (i) Legislative and policy actions:
 - update laws and regulations; preparation of adaptation and mitigation plans; develop REDD+ strategies. Member countries requested FAO to support on the preparation and update of laws and regulations toward SFM, to reduce deforestation and forest degradation (Continuous)
- (ii) Institutional actions (actions to advance implementation of SFM)
 - Implementation of good practices; training actions for capacity building; training on monitoring systems
 - Description: Member countries received permanent technical assistance on the preparation of project documents, implementation of projects, and monitoring on SFM. Success stories are also documented for easy reference. (continuous)
 - Member countries through the FAO representation in countries prepared their planning. From 33 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean at least 27 request FAO support on forest legislation, adaptation, SFM, monitoring, restoration, plantation.

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; Preparation of project proposals for the green climate fund different windows including REDD and full proposals. GEF projects for SFM, and/or including these practices. Project on protected areas.

Description: GEF focal points and/or National Designated Authorities requested FAO to support on the preparation of project documents to be submitted to donors. Process include the planning with national authorities, academia, communities involved, and private sector mainly small owners for the preparation of project documents More than 64 projects have being approved by donors.

- (iv) Technical and scientific actions: monitoring and reporting on forest cover and forest cover change; forest types and biodiversity.

Description: FAO developed an integrated model to implement forest inventories including use and users of forests and NWFP. In LAC the method has being adapted in many countries and has being adopted by the forestry offices. Data collection also include biodiversity, carbon and biomass variable.

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

All mechanisms listed above support countries on the implementation of their forestry policy if they have it, or on the preparation/update of it. Project contribute to fund actions of restoration, applying good practices, capacity building, appropriate governance of forest and strength the forestry sector in the countries. Monitor and reporting contribute to evaluate the effectiveness of national policies and the state of forest in countries.

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

Intersectorial coordination. Reducing the pressure of cultivating commodities by deforestation (livestock, soja, oil).

- (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:

List of actions: recognition of people living close to forest areas including protected areas. Mandatory prior and inform consultation in all actions and interventions with local communities and indigenous people. Gender analysis on the project preparation to identify gaps and barriers for women/men/young people participation.

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

Use social, environmental and economic criteria of SFM in practices. Promote co-management of protected areas, and community concessions supported with technical advice and marketing instruments.

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: Projects as mentioned above with co-financing of member countries.
- (iv) Technical and scientific actions: document the direct benefit of communities involved in SFM practices.

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

In the Latin America and the Caribbean office of FAO the officer works on rural development and poverty alleviation where community forestry is a key element to achieve this goal. SFM practices, forest tenure and rights is key to achieve community development and to keep forest cover. LAC also work toward the transformation of the agriculture/livestock production toward more efficiency to reduce the impact of this activities in deforestation and forest degradation

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

Reducing the main drivers of deforestation: agriculture and livestock production and poverty alleviation.

(d) What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal 2 in your region?
Scaling up initiatives toward sustainability

- (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:

Designation/declaration of protected areas to achieve Aichi targets.

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

Strengthen the collaboration of protected area services in LA through the REDPARQUES officially recognize by CBD, which works as a regional platform for coordination, technical assistance and sharing experience associated to appropriate management of protected areas in the region.

4 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: National contributions for the PA system in the country and projects
 - (iv) Technical and scientific actions: mechanisms to evaluate efficiency in management.
- (b) What other action is being taken your entity in support Member States to achieve goal 3?
South South collaboration
- (c) How does the action listed above support Member States in the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?
Increase the efficiency on protected area management.
- (d) What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal 3 in your region?
Incorporating protected areas in rural development policies as a strategy for income generating activities and promote the co-management
- (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

Support countries on the preparation of big projects including green climate fund and GEF

- (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?

Yes



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

Prepare comprehensive proposals with multiactors. Institutional capacity for the design and implementation of projects. Reduce capacities of countries to manage/administrate external funds that can be used for different purposes, or no capacity to expend money due to internal regulations.

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:

- 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

(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: external and internal budgets.

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.

Different strategies include forestry actions: adaptation, mitigation and biodiversity. Forestry issues is also directly linked to local communities living close to forest, in buffer zones and in protected areas. This integration is more visible and relevant for rural development. Small forest enterprises are source of income for local communities. Tourism in protected area has become very relevant in national economies in LAC.

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: FLEGT projet and sub-regional initiatives to reduce illegal logging and markets.

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.

LAC is promoting the implementation of agroenvironmental policies looking toward the sustainable production of food without depleting and/or deforestation. It is a mulsectorial approach based on the evidence and lessons learnt from SFM and C&M for SFM

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.: Agroenviromental policies guidelines, criteria and indicators and now evaluating the cost for the implementation.

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: Forest resources assessment; SDGs, biodiversity indicators

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?

Yes **No**

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words: Communication kits, tools and methods, radio, TV, magazines, interviews, school material

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?

Yes **No**

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words: Member countries; technical commissions; FAO regional conference;

Other questions

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

Yes **No**

If yes, please indicate action taken regarding the following:

- Women's effective access to the 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: Projects are gender sensitive and local consultation on interventions

(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)
- Educational activities (for example, workshops and symposiums)
- Media activities (for example, 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

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.

FAO presents Moving forward magazine that reports success stories.

Success story 1: SFM connectivity in the Caribbean Coast of Colombia

Action taken: SFM practices; river forest restoration; connectivity and protected areas designation.

Goals and targets addressed: restore the territory through SFM practices and connectivity with local participation and including national governments.

Outcome and results achieved: 15 M ha restore and 15,000 families beneficiary