



Annex 5

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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

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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: See in the cover note

Description of actions:

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 parts 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.

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

List of actions:

Contribution to 1.3

- Workshop: Opportunities and Challenges for Silvicultural Systems in North America – **Completed**

Contribution to 1.1-3

- Meeting with Latin-American group to consult harmonizing forest inventory information – **Completed**
- 2019 International Seminar on Urban Forestry - **Completed**

Description of actions:

(iii) Financial actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions:

Contribution to 1.1-3

- Evaluating Alternative Methods for Mangrove Ecosystem Inventory and Monitoring - **Ongoing**
- North American Forest Database (NAFD) technical publication in the peer-reviewed scientific journal, *Environmental Monitoring & Assessment* - **Ongoing**
- North American Forest Database (NAFD) online reporting tool maintenance and expansion to include new variables, Phase I and Phase II – **Completed/Ongoing**
- FRA 2020 reporting coordination to maximize North American data quality and consistency` - **Completed**

Contribution to 1.3 (also to 3.1-2)

- A Silviculture guide for *Pinus ponderosa* – **Completed**
- Silvicultura de las selvas de Caoba en Quintana Roo, México: Criterios y Recomendaciones – **Completed**

Contribution to 1.4 (and also 2.5)

- Forest health monitoring and analysis: Maintained efforts toward continental pest risk mapping – **Ongoing**
- Maintaining technical exchange on quarantine pests of trilateral concern – **Ongoing**
- exchange best practices in pest monitoring and identification – **Ongoing**
- Implementation of the project “Integrated Modelling and Assessment of Mitigation Options in the North American Forestry Sector” – **Ongoing**

Description of actions:

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

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

- (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.

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.

(i) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions: See in the cover note

Description of actions:

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

List of actions:

Contribution to 2.5 (and also to 1.4)

- Symposium: Conservation of Threatened North American Tree Species and the Challenges of Climate Change - **Completed**
- Fire management workshops and contribution to the 6th International Wildlife Conference – **Completed**

Description of actions:

(iii) Financial actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions:

Contribution to 2.5 (and also to 1.4)

- Scientific manuscripts including “Assisted Migration of Forest Populations for Adapting Trees to Climate Change” in Revista Chapingo Serie Ciencias Forestales y del Ambiente (May 2016) and “Convergent local adaptation to climate in distantly related conifers” in Science (Sept. 2016). - **Completed**
- Common garden study and planting assisted migration tests of 10 provenances of *Abies religiosa* in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve, where *A. religiosa*, the over-wintering host of the Monarch butterfly, is exhibiting dieback from drought - **Completed**
- Guidelines for assisted migration: Seedlot Selection Tool for western USA, Canada, and Mexico: seed sources for reforestation and restoration in the 21st century – **Completed**
- Guidelines for assisted colonization - **Completed**
- Develop provisional climate-based seed zones for Mexico for contemporary and future climates – **Completed**
- Geographic expansion of the climate-based Seed Selection Tool for application over all of North America – **Completed**
- Scenario model linking landscape-level adaptation strategies and genetics with other broadscale processes - **Ongoing**
- Dialogue on permanent forest health monitoring and the integration of climate change indicators – **Ongoing**
- Three scientific articles on climate change mitigation options in Canada, Mexico and the US - **Completed**
- Intra- and inter-regional collaboration on firefighting in Canada – **Completed**
- Training series in prescribed fire management – **Completed**

Description of actions:

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

(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.

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.

(i) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions: See in the cover note

Description of actions:

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

List of actions:

Description of actions:

(iii) Financial actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions: Please see cross-references under other GFGs

Description of actions:

(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.

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 targets 4.1 and 4.2

Forest finance is not the focus of the work under NAFC.

(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 No

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

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:

No, forest finance is not the focus of the work under NAFC

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.

Contributions to 5.2-4 9 (also to Goals 1-3)

- Working Group report “Building Resilience: Federal Forest Agencies in 2050 – **Completed**
- Study/article: North American Forest Futures 2016-2090: Aspirational Futures for Building a More Resilient Forest Sector - **Completed**

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:

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.

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.

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?

Yes **No**

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

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:

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:

Other: Series of Leadership Meetings of Latin American Women in Forest Fire Management

(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.

Success story 1

Action taken:

Goals and targets addressed:

Outcome and results achieved: