

# Item 4: UNFF Performance/Achievements/ Strengths/Weaknesses/Areas for Improvement

United nations Forum on Forests  
Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on the  
international arrangement on forests  
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# Objectives and Purpose of the IAF

- Objectives
  - Promote management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests
  - Strengthen long-term political commitment
- Purpose
  - Promote the implementation of internationally agreed actions on forests, at the national, regional and global levels
  - Provide a coherent, transparent and participatory global framework for policy implementation, coordination and development
  - Facilitate implementation of forest-related agreements

# Views on the IAF in 2004

## **Positive**

- Country-led initiatives
- Increased political interest in forests
- Collaboration in forest organizations - CPF cooperation

## **Negative**

- Forum focused on negotiation text rather than catalyzing action
- Streamline proposal for action and facilitate their use
- Reporting burdensome
- Lacking openness and inclusivity

## **For Improvement**

- Strengthen horizontal and vertical links
- Strengthen enabling environment for SFM (finance, tech transfer and capacity)
- Close the gap between UNFF and in-forests effects

# Achievements

- Promoting a universal approach to SFM
- Keeping the international agenda spotlight on forests
- Communication and exchange, building consensus
- Development of the CFP as a means of cooperative support
- Streamlining reporting requirements
- Partnerships with regional groups
- Milestones
  - Agreement of the NLBI and the Global Objectives on Forests
  - Constitution of the MYPOW
  - Forest finance – LFCC/SIDS, AHEG, GEF5 SFM/REDD+ Incentive
  - IYOF and IDOF

# Strengths

- Maintaining the forum with universal membership
- Country- and Organization-Led Initiatives
- AHEGs
- Organizational mix in CPF
- Position within SDG context

# Weaknesses

- Utility of forum sessions
- Facilitation of country level implementation
- Difficult to show relationship with forest elements of CBD or FCCC or CCD
- Participation and interest by important stakeholders

# Areas for Improvement

Promote management, conservation and sustainable development...

- Implement decisions
- Coordinate decisions with CPF support
- Concrete actions on the ground

Strengthen long-term political commitment...

- Enhance stakeholder involvement
- Improve reporting rates

Promote implementation of internationally agreed actions...

- Focus effort the key problems
- Develop links with FCCC, CBD, CCD

Global framework for policy implementation, coordination and development...

- Promote forests in the “nexus” format, position in SDG
- Increased links with regional groups