

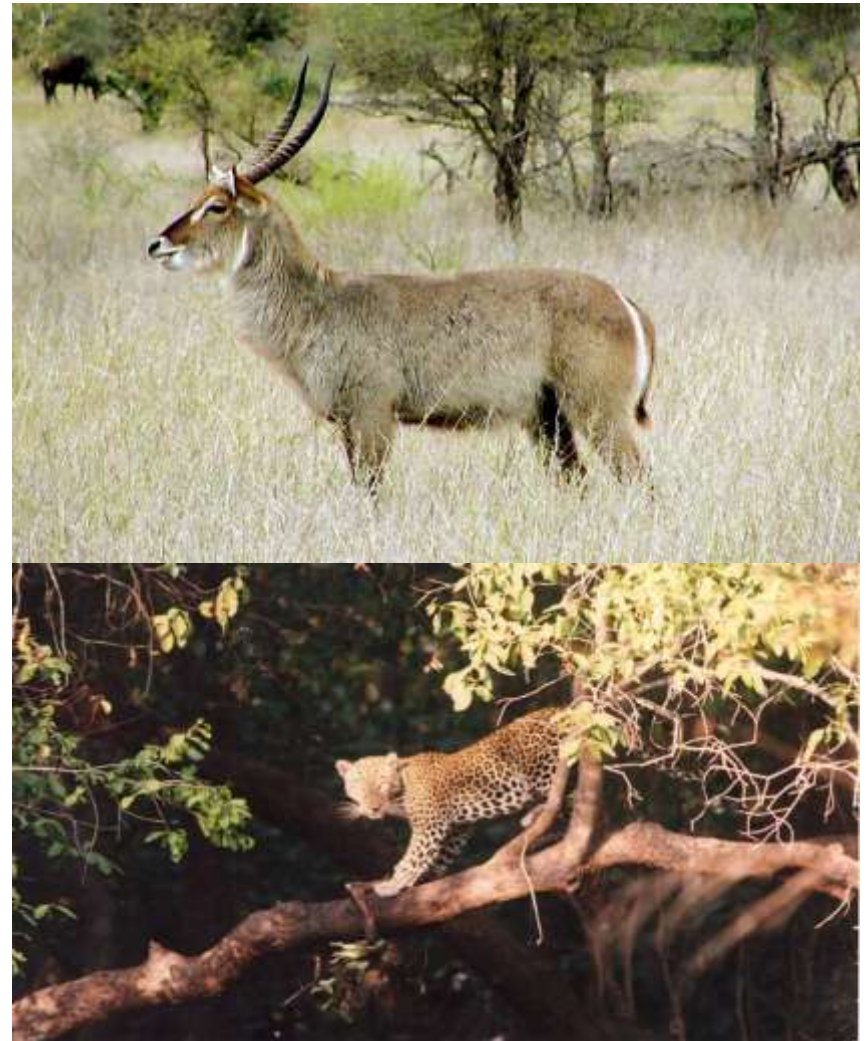
# NLBI/GOFS, STRENGTHS, WEAKNESS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

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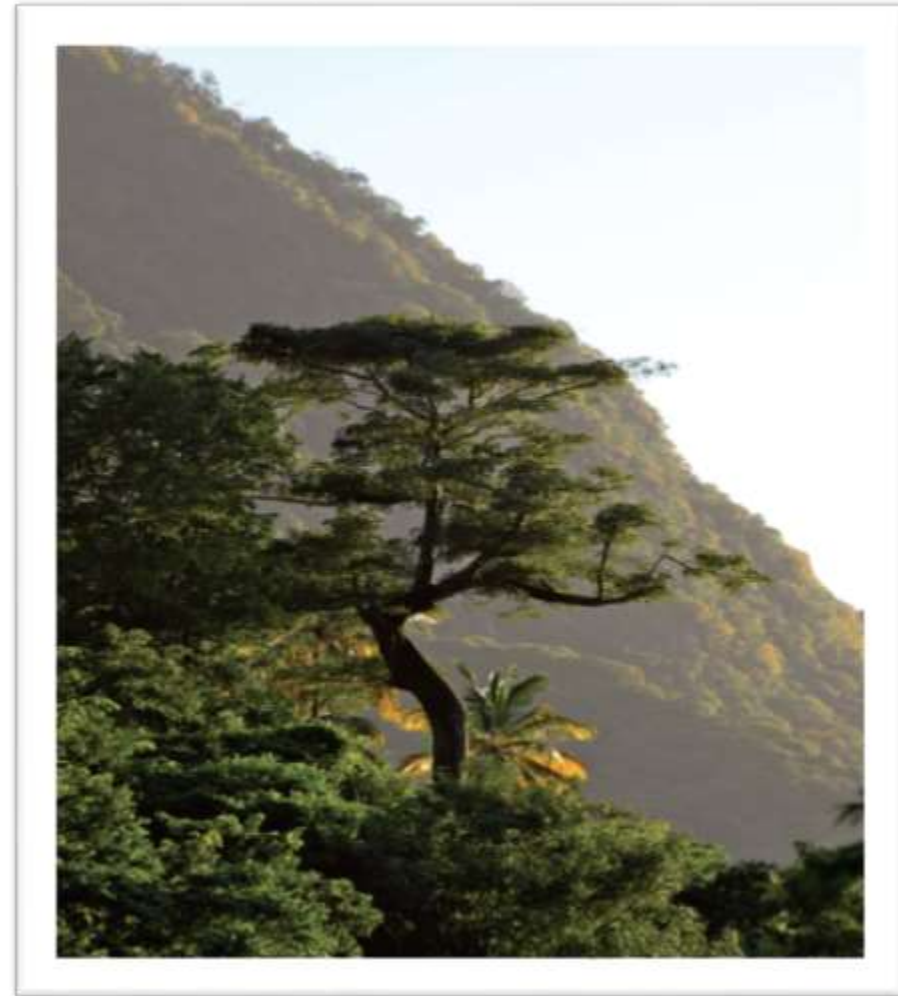
# Introduction

- Major achievements of UNFF
  - GOFs (2006)
  - NLBI (2007)
- Strengthen political commitment and action to implement SFM
- **Not, to little known, within and outside forest sector, national regional levels**



# Global Objectives on Forests (2006)

- Reverse the loss of forest cover and prevent forest degradation
- Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits
- Increase area of sustainably managed forests and proportion of products from sustainably managed forests
- Reverse decline in ODA, mobilize increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources



# Relevance and progress

- **Strengths**
- They are still very valid
- Provide clear focus



# Weaknesses

- GOFs timeline is to 2015.
- Not fully achieved yet
- No specific performance indicators
- Inadequate resources to support implementation
  - Increase in ODA from climate financing not equal to increase in ODA for SFM



# Suggestions for improvement

- Extend their timeline
- Add specific targets (e.g. AI CHI targets)
- Define better the performance indicators (simple and measurable)
- Revise or refine especially GOF 4 to broaden its focus
- Provide resources for implementation
- Link to the new SDGs

# Strengths of NLBI

- **Strengths**
- Comprehensive, coherent over-arching policy framework:
- **Crystallises IPF/IFF proposals for action**
  - National actions
  - International cooperation
- **Emphasizes Integration**
  - National development plans
  - Forestry related conventions and international policies and processes

# Weaknesses

- Lack of implementation especially in developing countries
- Uncertainty about how to implement
- Weak impact on international cooperation
- No specific resources for implementation
  - Project-based and not strategic



# Strengthening the NLBI at Global level

- Establish a **Strategic implementation plan**
- Establish **subsidiary bodies** (e.g. UNCCD CRIC)
- Establish **implementation support unit** to:
  - Follow up and continuously improve implementation
  - Provide technical assistance to countries
- **Regional unit or offices, or UNFF staff**
- Concrete mechanisms for **financing implementation**
- Improve **capacity for, and actual, monitoring and reporting**

# Possible improvements to the institutional framework

## Secretariat

- **Increase staffing** to facilitate implementation and follow up, not just policy dialogue
- **Increase budget** for supporting implementation of the NLBI ( paltry \$3 million p. a. compared to \$300 million for comparable institutions)
- **Strengthen National UNFF focal points**

# Secretariat contd.

- Stronger links with regional and sub-regional levels
- Increase capacity to provide support under the facilitative process
- The Facilitative process is an important mechanism **BUT**
  - Lack of funding (operating on projects and not strategic programmes)
  - Low staffing (one staff member in UNFFS secretariat)

# CPF-Weaknesses

- Independent entities
  - **Cannot be held accountable** by The Forum
  - Can only be invited and not requested
  - Have own priorities, planning and budgetary cycles
- Weak sense of collective ownership of programmes
- **Limited resources** to support NLBI activities
  - **Use own resources**

# Suggestions for strengthening implementation by CPF

- There is need to consider **targeted funds to support implementation** in areas lagging
  - Thematic,
  - Geographic
  - Regional
- Establish **a fund to support CPF** activities
- **Dedicated staff positions within Secretariat** to support CPF

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