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Voluntary National Report to the 11th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

Background

The eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11) will be held from 4 to 15 May 2015 in New York. In accordance with the Forum's Multi-Year Program of Work for 2007-2015, the overall theme of UNFF11 is *Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward on the international arrangement on forests (IAF)*. The UNFF11 will, *inter-alia*:

- Review progress towards the achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs) and implementation of the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (hereinafter referred to as the "Forest Instrument"), and
- Review the contribution of forests and the IAF, including the Forest Instrument, to the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The submission of national reports by UNFF Member States on the above items will provide a crucial input to the Secretary-General's analytical, consolidated report to UNFF11 on the progress and trends in the above-mentioned areas, as well as to the Forum's deliberation on the future of the IAF.

Pursuant to Resolution 10/1 of the tenth session of the Forum¹, the UNFF Secretariat (UNFFS) in collaboration with the CPF member organizations and in close consultations with countries, revised and streamlined the reporting format. The attached revised format builds on and further simplifies the UNFF10 reporting format. Specifically, the number of questions has been reduced by consolidating previous areas of overlap, and Member States are asked to submit only information that is not currently provided to CPF member organizations, or that is unavailable in other international databases.

The UNFF11 reporting format is presented in two parts. Part I includes questions related to the progress on the implementation of the Forest Instrument, including achievement of the GOFs. Part II includes questions on the contribution of forests and SFM to the achievement of the MDGs.

To the extent possible, the information submitted by countries to the UNFFS will be supplemented with quantitative data, *inter alia*, from the following international data providers:

- FAO, Forest Resources Assessment (FRA)/Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CRFQ) - FAO, Forest Europe, UNECE, ITTO, Montreal Process and OFAC
- Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) FAO, ITTO, UNECE, EUROSTAT
- FAO, State of the World's Forests (SOFO) 2014
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

¹ Resolution 10/1 of UNFF10 requested the UNFF secretariat (UNFFS) to further streamline the guidelines and format for voluntary national reporting to the eleventh session of the Forum including a technical discussion on reporting methodology with relevant experts of Collaborative Partnership on Forest member organizations, taking into account types of information provided to Collaborative Partnership on Forest member organizations and through criteria and indicators and other regional processes and balanced regional workshops depending on available resources.(United Nations Forum on Forests, Report on the Tenth Session -8 to 19 April 2013, E/2013/42 _E/CN.18/2013/18, Page 6)

Reporting Guidelines and Format

Member States are kindly requested to:

- Submit their completed national report electronically (in MS Word) in English, French or Spanish to unff@un.org, by 30 September 2014, at the latest. Early submissions will greatly facilitate the Secretariat's preparation of the analytical, consolidated Secretary-General's report to UNFF11. Please note that the MS Word file of the reporting format can also be downloaded from the UNFF website at: http://www.un.org/esa/forests/ /unff11_reporting_template.doc
- 2. Submit, in a separate electronic file, a scanned version of the official, signed letter conveying their submission from their respective Ministry, or a note verbale from their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.
- 3. Submit any graphic elements included in their national report, as separate electronic files.
- 4. Check all boxes that apply to questions that have multiple-choice components. In addition to the "Yes" or "No" answers, countries are encouraged to provide brief descriptive narratives, as this provides context and background. Please also note that space provided for the descriptive information is limited to 250 words per question.

In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues related to forests and sustainable forest management (SFM), respondents are encouraged to consult with experts from relevant national ministries to complete the reporting format, including, for example, the ministries of environment, economic development, finance and agriculture. Respondents are also strongly encouraged to consult with the national focal points for the FAO Forest Resources Assessment (FRA), the Rio Conventions, other CPF member organizations and C&I processes, where applicable.

Please note that the Year 2007 – the year of the adoption of the Forest Instrument (2007), is used as a baseline throughout the document.

All terms used in this document are consistent with the FAO/FRA Working Paper 180 "Terms and Definitions FRA 2015": http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/ap862e/ap862e00.pdf

Abbreviations

C&I Criteria and Indicators processes

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

FLEGT Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade

FRA FAO's global Forest Resources Assessment

GOF Global Objectives on Forests

ITTO International Tropical Timber Organization

MDGs Millennium Development Goals
NFP National Forest Programme

ODA Official Development Assistance
SIDS Small Island Developing States
SFM Sustainable forest management

UN United Nations

UNFF United Nations Forum on Forests

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PART I:

<u>Progress on the implementation of the Forest Instrument,</u> <u>including achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)</u>

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	employment is an ongoing subject of discussion
	Other, please list below:
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Climate Change				
Environment				
Mining		\boxtimes		
Energy				
Water				
Tourism				
Other				
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	Low-interest loans		activities/	manageme	ent	
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	Other, please list b	elow:				
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How e	ffective are these me	chanisms i	n promot	-	sus approaches:	
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Priva	te sector			\boxtimes		
Fores	st workers	\boxtimes				
Local	communities	\boxtimes				
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	 Involvig of palestinian Monetary Ahthority in afforestation activities. Involving of Palestinian Wildlife Society in capacity building.
8.	To what extent do local and indigenous communities have tenure or user rights over publicly-owned forests?
	☐ Completely☑ Partially☐ None☐ Not applicable
	Please provide 2-3 examples how local and indigenous communities are benefiting from goods and services produced by forests and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
	They can benefit from: 1. Food and medicinal uses. 2. Grazing. 3. Recreation.
9.	Since 2007, has your government developed or updated financing strategies to achieve SFM and to implement the Forest Instrument?
	☐ Yes ☐ No
	If Yes, what is the timeframe of these strategies?
	☐ 2-5 years
	5-10 years
	10-20 years
	Other, please specify:
	These strategies take into account:
	☐ Domestic public funding
	Domestic private funding
	Public international (including ODA and REDD+)
	External private funding
	Please provide 2-3 examples, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
10.	Has your government established one or more systems/mechanisms for payment for
	ecosystem services (PES) provided by forests?
	☐ Yes ☐ No
	If Yes, please specify, and, if possible, provide the estimated total value of these payments since 2007:

1. Ivolving of Palestinian communication group(private sector) in afforestation

activities.

Watershed protection/water supply	USD	
Carbon storage (including REDD+)	USD	
Nature conservation	USD	
Other, please list below:	USD	
Please provide 2-3 examples of PES and, if post document(s):	sible, provide web-link(s) to relevant
document(s).		
. Since 2007, has your government been	able to mobilize sig	gnificantly increased
financial resources for the implementation of	SFM? If yes, please	specify sources:
	2007	2013
Domestic public funding	USD 1.5 million	USD 2.2 million
Domestic private funding	USD	USD
Public international funding	USD	USD
(including ODA and REDD+)	1100	LIOD
External private funding	USD	USD
If there has been no increase, please describe the	ne main challenges in r	nobilizing funds:
2. Since 2007, what steps has your governi	ment taken to enco	urage private secto
investment in SFM and forests?		
Policy and legal reforms that encourage	greater private investr	nent
Financial incentives, such as credit guar	antees, tax breaks, em	ployment subsidies
etc.	corvious provided by	orosto
Establishment of markets for ecosystemOutreach to the private sector (leaflets, or example)		
forests)	conterences, rans pron	loung investment in
Development and improvement of infras	tructure and other publ	ic services related to
— SFM		
Other; please list below:		
Providing the private sector with free seedlings		
Providing the private sector with the technical s	support.	
Please provide 2-3 examples, and, if possible, p	rovide web-link(s) to re	levant document(s):
Supporting Rawabi City with the seedlings and	the technical support	

13. Is your government engaged in international cooperation to promote SFM?

	\boxtimes	Yes		No					
If Yes,	, please s	specify with	whom:						
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If Yes,	, what are	eas do thes	se techni	cal/scien	tific activiti	es focus	on:		
	Forest	inventory s	systems						

	Low-impact logging or other narvesting techniques
	Wood production for energy
	☐ Wood processing technology
	☐ Waste reduction and recycling
	Other, please list below:
	Are these programs directed at:
	☐ Forest owners
	☐ Timber companies/forest products industry
	State agencies
	☐ Local communities
	☐ Indigenous communities
	☐ NGOs
	General public
	Since 2007, has funding for forest-related science and research increased?
	Yes No
	Please describe, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
15.	What actions has your country undertaken to increase public awareness of the important benefits provided by forests?
	□ Published broadcasts on TV and/or Radio
	Published materials, e.g. brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, or/and posters, etc.
	Meetings with the general public
	Art events/Exhibitions
	Activities in support of the International Day of Forests
	☐ Other
	Please provide 2-3 examples, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
	Brushure about the importance of forests. Establishment and opening of new forests on the occation of International Day of Forests Signing agreements on the occation of International Day of Forests Film about the rehabilitation of degraded vegetation in dry area.
16	What sets of criteria and indicators (C&I) for SFM are used in your country:
	National set of C&I
	Regional/international set of C&I (e.g. ITTO, Forest Europe, Montreal
	Process, Taraporto etc.) Other
	Please describe, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

	Generate information to national reports on forest conditions and management Monitor and assess and monitor forest conditions and management
\preceq	Review and develop national forest policies and tools for SFM
\exists	Communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders
\equiv	Report on forests to regional and international organizations If so, which ones:
30 W	our country translated the Forest Instrument into another language (not inclu

- 18. Please give examples of your country's success stories and lessons learned related to the implementation of the Forest Instrument, including contributions towards the four Global Objectives on Forests:
 - 1. Involoving of the the governmental organization in afforestatio activities such as the Palestinian Moetary Authority.
 - 2. Involoving of the non-governmental organization in afforestatio activities and biodiversity conservation such as the Palestine-Wildlife Society.
 - 3. Involoving of the private sector in afforestatio activities such as the Palestinia communication group.
 - 4. Concentrating on the economic species in the establishment of new forests or seedlings distribution.
 - 5. Establishment of parks in the forests.
 - 6. The survival percentage of forest seedlings is about 90%.
 - 7.

PART II

Contribution of forests and SFM to achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

The aim of Part II of this reporting questionnaire is to learn how forests and SFM have contributed to achieving the MDGs in your country, particularly with respect to poverty and hunger eradication (MDG1), environmental sustainability (MDG7) and developing a global partnership for development (MDG8).

19. How have forests/SFM contributed to era in your country?	adicating	extreme	poverty	and hung	er (MDG1)
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Improving livelihoods		\boxtimes			
Supporting subsistence needs, including fuel wood, fodder and shelter		\boxtimes			
Contributing to food security, including through agroforestry systems	\boxtimes				
Providing employment, including employment in informal economy	\boxtimes				
Other:					
Please describe, and, if possible, provide web-	link(s) to r	elevant do	ocument(s	s):	
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Please describe, and, if possible, provide a web-link to relevant document(s):

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By:	1	2	3	4	5
Engaging in regional and international collaboration on issues related to improved governance	\boxtimes				
Through trade agreements involving forest products (e.g. bilateral/sub-regional/regional/inter-regional free trade agreements, EU voluntary partnership agreements, etc.)	\boxtimes				
Fostering partnerships with the private sector					
Attracting foreign investment in the forest sector					
Fostering bilateral and international financial cooperation	\boxtimes				
Fostering north-south, and south-south technical, technological and scientific partnerships	\boxtimes				
Other					
Have forests/SFM contributed to making progress in Gs in your country? Yes No					naini
es, please describe, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) t	O Telev	ant doc	ument	5).	

MDG3: Promoting gender equality and empowering women

Women collect fuel wood and other foretsry products such as fruits, seeds ,wild plants and mashroom.
Women as workers as labors in the the afforestation activities.
MDG4: Reducing child mortality
Forest is partielly soursce of income for women.
Forests improve the environment.
Collecting medicinal plants from the forests.
MDG5: Improving maternal health
Forest is partielly soursce of income for women.
Forests improve the environment.
Collecting medicinal plants from the forests.
MDG6: Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases