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Please find attached the document "UNFF Intersessional Activities on the International Arrangement on Forests Format for Soliciting Views and Proposals on the International Arrangement on Forests".

Sincerely,



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**UNFF Intersessional Activities on the International Arrangement on Forests  
Format for Soliciting Views and Proposals on the International Arrangement on Forests  
United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat  
July 2013**

1. According to the multi-year programme of work adopted in 2007, the overall theme of the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11) in 2015 will be “Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward for the international arrangement on forests (IAF).” At this session, the Forum will review the effectiveness of the IAF and decide on its future.<sup>1</sup>
2. In preparation for UNFF11 in 2015, the Forum has made a number of decisions during the last fourteen years.<sup>2</sup> Most recently, Member States through Resolution 10/2 of UNFF10 decided to undertake several intersessional activities to ensure UNFF11 has a strong basis to review the effectiveness of the IAF and make a decision on the future of the IAF.
3. One of the three components of the intersessional activities on the IAF, as outlined in Resolution 10/2 of UNFF10, is to solicit views from Member States and other relevant stakeholders on the IAF. Specifically, the Resolution invites countries, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations, other relevant organizations, relevant regional and subregional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes, major groups and other stakeholders to submit views and proposals to the Forum’s Secretariat on the six key issues set out in paragraph 5 of the same resolution, and the full range of options on the future international arrangement on forests. The UNFF Secretariat should provide the compilation of these views and proposals to the first meeting of the ad hoc expert group (AHEG1) on the IAF<sup>3</sup>.
4. This format has been prepared by the Forum’s Secretariat to facilitate submission of the inputs on the IAF to AHEG1. The electronic version of this format is available at: (<http://www.un.org/esa/forests/docs/Views-on-IAF.doc>). Member States and other relevant stakeholders are invited to download this format and use it to submit their views and proposals in English. The explanation in each box should not exceed 150 words. Member States and other stakeholders are kindly requested to submit the original copy of the completed format in word processing software, with a scanned copy of the official letter from their respective organization/ministry/mission, via email to: [unff@un.org](mailto:unff@un.org), with copy to Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi at: [moeini-meybodi@un.org](mailto:moeini-meybodi@un.org), and Ms. Thida Sam at: [sam2@un.org](mailto:sam2@un.org). All inputs should be sent to the UNFF Secretariat by **30 October 2013**.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 1 of UNFF7 and its annex (E/2007/42), please see:

<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N07/349/31/PDF/N0734931.pdf?OpenElement>

<sup>2</sup> ECOSOC Resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49, Resolution 1 of UNFF7 and its annex (E/2007/42) and Resolution 2 of UNFF10 and its annex (E/2013/42)

<sup>3</sup> OP 5 and 6 of Resolution 2 of UNFF10 and paragraph 2 of its annex- Please see:

<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N13/321/90/PDF/N1332190.pdf?OpenElement>

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**Section A: Full range of options for the IAF**

A.1 Please select (with X in front of the options below) and explain the preferred option for the future of the IAF:

- A legally binding instrument on all types of forests
- Strengthening of the current IAF
- Continuation of the current IAF
- Other options (please describe) -  
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**Section B: Performance of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and its processes since 2000, and future options for UNFF**

B.1 Please explain if you consider the current UNFF structure and its biennial sessions as sufficient to take necessary actions and to provide policy advice and guidance on all issues related to all types of forests and at all levels: UNFF structure and its biennial sessions are not sufficient enough because there is a lack of monitoring and follow-up for all members, since there is a great need of policy advice and guidance on forest issues. There should be a mechanism on which the UNFF structure can grant a better guidance.

B.2 Please describe the UNFF's performance and list its key achievements in implementing its principal functions, as stated in ECOSOC resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49<sup>4</sup>:

UNFF's performance has helped to develop financial provisions in order to implement a future agreed legal framework supporting all operations and functions for the benefit of forest issues.

Furthermore, its key achievements in implementing its principal functions are:

1. To enhance cooperation
2. To establish a plan of action for the implementations of the Panel
3. To promote the implementation of internationally agreed actions.

<sup>4</sup> Please see these documents at:

- [http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/2000\\_35\\_E.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/2000_35_E.pdf)
- [http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/iaf/2006\\_49\\_E.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/iaf/2006_49_E.pdf)

<p>B.3 Please provide your view on the future options for the UNFF: The UNFF in the future should try to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raise awareness of members at the Forum to harmonize efforts.</li> <li>2. Address emerging topics that are not within the planned program.</li> <li>3. Encourage participation of communities and private sector organizations withing UNFF.</li> </ol>
<p>B.4 Please describe the potential roles for UNFF in implementing the UN post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs:</p> <p>The potential roles for UNFF are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote and build awareness for the sustainable forest management.</li> <li>2. Promote and enhance policies and measures addressed on forest issues.</li> <li>3. Implement research regarding emerging forestry issues.</li> <li>4. Develop strategies for a sustainable forest management country.</li> </ol>
<p>B.5 Please describe the role and impact of Country-Led Initiatives and ad hoc expert groups in the work of the UNFF:</p> <p>Country led initiatives and ad hoc expert groups should play an important role on identify forest-related priorities and facilitate and strenghten collaboration with relevant issues that are identified on programmes that have greater needs.</p>
<p>B.6 Please indicate how effective you consider the engagement of major groups in the work of the UNFF and provide suggestions on their further engagement: Other major groups that need to engage in the work of UNFF should be more participation of private companies, there should be a mechanisms or campaing addressed to this sector in order to increase awareness.</p>
<p>B.7 Please explain the role and impact of the International Year of Forests and the International Day of Forests in promoting greater awareness and strengthening political and public commitment for forests: The role and impact of these two have increased the awareness of communities of all socities because have presented the real needs that forest and environment have, also strenghtening political and public commitment because governments have a social, and environmental commitment with their population.</p>

<p><b>Section C: The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (Forest Instrument) and the four Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)</b></p>	
<p>C.1 Please indicate progress in the implementation of the forest instrument:</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adequate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inadequate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure

C.2 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:  
Enhance monitoring and follow-up.

C.3 Please indicate progress in achieving the GOFs:

	Adequate	Inadequate	Not sure
GOF1:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOF2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOF3:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOF4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.4 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

GOF1: Create forest-oriented incentives in order to protect, restore forests.

GOF2: Improve the livelihoods of forest dependent people through programmes that grants knowledge and technical cooperation in order to enhance forest oriented activities.

GOF3: Areas of Protected forests should be warranted by communities and governments which enhance and promote protection policies.

GOF4: Improve official assistance through political commitment.

C.5 Please explain how implementation of the forest instrument has contributed to the implementation of forest-related international conventions, and vice versa:

The implementation of forest instruments helps to secure a political commitment of all members and harmonize processes in order to improve the sustainable forest management. The forest-related international conventions coordinates and consolidates all activities and initiatives supporting the benefits for the forest issues.

C.6 Please describe how the forest instrument and the GOFs can contribute to the post-2015 UN development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals:

The Forest Instrument and GOFs can contribute for the progress and challenges that will emerge on 2015, meaning that can prevent certain issues if the GOF's are well monitored and follow-up.

## Section D: The Forum's Secretariat

D.1 Please indicate if you consider the structure, human and financial resources of the compact Secretariat of the UNFF adequate to fulfill its mandates:

- Adequate  
 Inadequate  
 Not sure

Additional explanation:

D.2 Please provide suggestion(s) on strengthening the Secretariat of the Forum to enable it to fulfill its functions more effectively: To have a better coordination of programs, activities and processes.

D.3 Please provide suggestion(s) on how the Forum Secretariat's role, as a CPF member and as CPF secretariat, should be strengthened: The Forum Secretariat's role should be strengthened by promoting activities in order to increase a dynamic and effective Forum that enhances the coordination among members.

### **Section E: CPF and CPF Member Organizations**

E.1 Please explain the impacts and sufficiency of the programs and actions taken by CPF and CPF member organizations in implementing resolutions and supporting the work of UNFF since its inception: The impact that excels is to collaborate and strengthen coordination on forest issues in order to foster progress towards sustainable forest management at global, regional and national level.

E.2 Please describe how the CPF and its member organizations can further contribute to the work of the UNFF, and how to ensure availability of necessary resources for its activities in support of the work of the Forum: CPF and its member organizations can contribute to work of the UNFF if they continue to develop initiatives on monitoring, assessment and report, harmonizing activities for the sustainable forest management.

### **Section F: Financing options and strategies**

F.1 Please provide views on financing options and strategies, including the creation of a voluntary Global Forest Fund, to generate resources from all sources for sustainable management of all types of forests and trees outside forests: The creation of a Voluntary Global Forest Fund should have members goal oriented and with a sustainable management skill in order to facilitate a better environment of fundings, should promote campaigns for public, private and international organizations to make them realize how forests are important for our daily life and make them aware of the need to keep forests.

F.2 Please suggest concrete steps that UNFF, CPF members and other organizations should undertake to develop forest financing options:

In order to create financing options for the development of forest the UNFF and CPF members should:

1. Link new ideas and support communities that have a forest oriented market.
2. Strengthen political commitment within the members.
3. Enhance a cooperation programme through synergies between donors and recipients.
4. Create public-private and cross-sectoral partnerships of forest-oriented issues.
5. Enhance Funding strategies between North and South regions.