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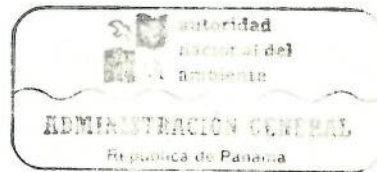
En atención al correo electrónico recibido de la UNFF Secretariat, se adjunta formato debidamente completado sobre IAF (Acuerdo Internacional de los Bosques).

Lo anterior, se ha elaborado de acuerdo al formato propuesto por ustedes y preparado por nuestro punto focal y sus colaboradores.

De usted, con toda mi consideración y estima,


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“Dejando huellas para un mejor ambiente”

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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.¹
2. In preparation for UNFF11 in 2015, the Forum has made a number of decisions during the last fourteen years.² 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 IAF³.
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, with copy to Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi at: moeini-meybodi@un.org, and Ms. Thida Sam at: sam2@un.org. All inputs should be sent to the UNFF Secretariat by **30 October 2013**.

¹ 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>

² 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)

³ OP 5 and 6 of Resolution 2 of UNFF 10 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) -

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: If we are thinking in be more functional, We think, sessions need be annual as UNFCC, and others Organization meeting. Many things are happening in forests and we need be informed and sharing information amongst countries.

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 2006/49⁴: UNFF has a Forum with one chairperson and four vicechairperson. The UNFF has one Secretary with office in united Nation In New York. Open to the participation of all countries. They meet every two years. The main achievement include the participation of all countries in the meetings, contribute to the Millennium goals throw the poverty eradication in the forests communities . Contribute to avoid the deforestation and to promote the protected areas forests

⁴ Please see these documents at:

- http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/2000_35_E.pdf
- http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/iaf/2006_49_E.pdf

B.3 Please provide your view on the future options for the UNFF: Its necessary contribute more in the sustainable forest management throw the implementation of proyects with financial support. Financial support is maybe the key issue for keep the forest with local benefits to communities. Without this, sustainable management will be very hard to do it and deforestation, forest degradation by fires could continue .

B.4 Please describe the potential roles for UNFF in implementing the UN post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs: UNFF will have post 2015 vey important roll because It work with Forest and Goverments and the contribution of the forest in the climate Change Mitigation actions , environmental services and other will increase. UNFF will need work closely with other organization as UNFCC, FAO, ITTO and others.

B.5 Please describe the role and impact of Country-Led Initiatives and ad hoc expert groups in the work of the UNFF: Contribution of the experts from each country to find out the actual work of the UNFF group situation, resulting in reliable information for the workgroup.

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: if the contributions of major groups in the work of UNFF, is really efective and allows making guidelines on the issue of forests, this contribution is fully effective for us.

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: Both initiatives were and are very important to create awarenees and strenthening political and public commitment for forests. Many things are changing and peoples are changing about forests. We need have others initiatives like this, for example, "I support tropical forests, I'm donor for forests". The collected funds can contribute to reforestation and other activities.

Section C: The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (Forest Instrument) and the four Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)

C.1 Please indicate progress in the implementation of the forest instrument:

- Adequate
- Inadequate
- Not sure

C.2 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GOF4:

C.4 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress: More financial resources to do actions in the field as projects in reforestation, restoration, forest management and others.

C.5 Please explain how implementation of the forest instrument has contributed to the implementation of forest-related international conventions, and vice versa: the forest instrument governments began to work in his countries and share information between they in the Meeting of the UNFF. The convention did the possibility to participate delegates for all countries and to participate in workshop to share information and give information in important subjects to us.

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: We think we need legal binding instrument to be more effective in the work of UNFF. The GOFs are now a days good and we need do the efforts to increase and get the total 4 GOFs.

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: It need grow because today is smaller and need more budget, personnel, equipment to work in correct way.

D.2 Please provide suggestion(s) on strengthening the Secretariat of the Forum to enable it to fulfill its functions more effectively: The same as the D.1 question.

D.3 Please provide suggestion(s) on how the Forum Secretariat's role, as a CPF member and as CPF secretariat, should be strengthened: Definetively, increased the budget.

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: CPF are really good very important institutions with knowledge about forest and they were contribute all the time with good proposals and advice.

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: All the CPF members had his own budget and can contribute but for especial subjects, UNFF shall provide the budget. It need be increase to the UNFF.

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: This is very neccesary as maybe global efforts as people donors for the forest around the world. Maybe in the forest day we can collect fund in all the cities to contribute in the forest sustainable management.

F.2 Please suggest concrete steps that UNFF, CPF members and other organizations should undertake to develop forest financing options: The same as F.1 question.

