



**First meeting of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group  
on the International Arrangements on Forests  
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## **Engagement of UNECE region in the International Arrangement on Forests**



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# Outline

UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber :  
What we do?  
Links to the Global Objectives

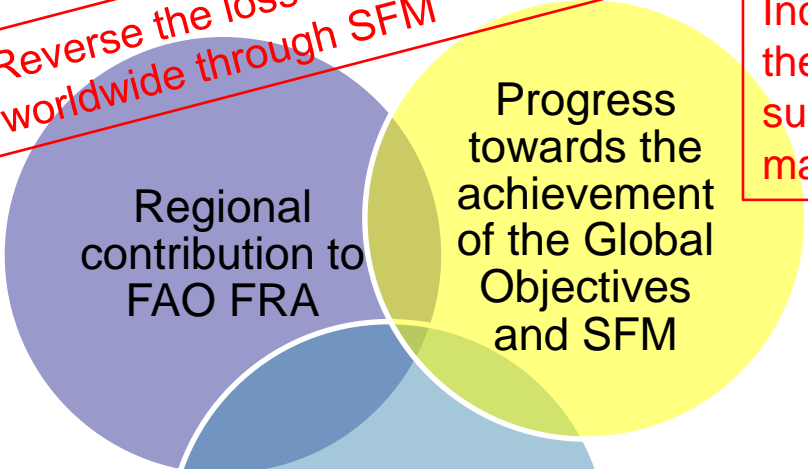
Examples of outputs

International Arrangement on Forests  
(IAF): strengths, weaknesses and  
recommendations



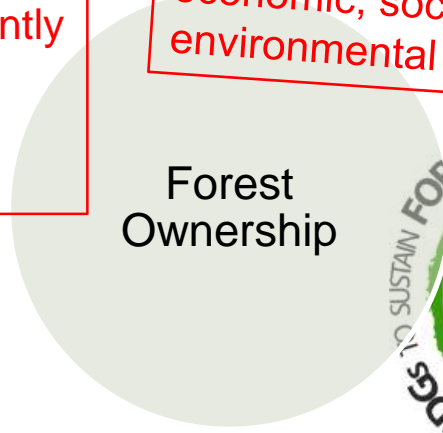
# UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber

Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through SFM

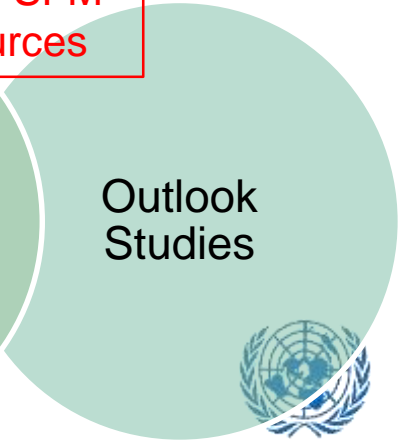
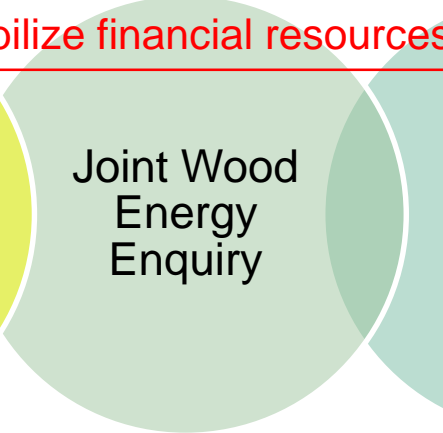
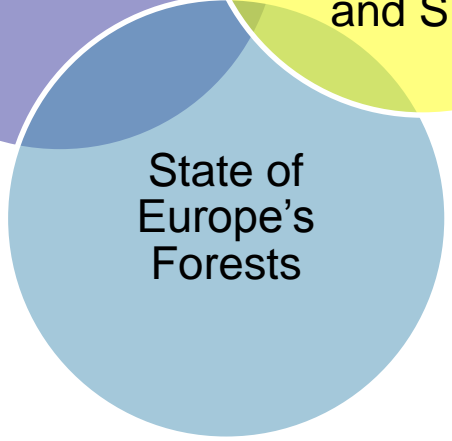


Increase significantly the area of sustainably managed forests

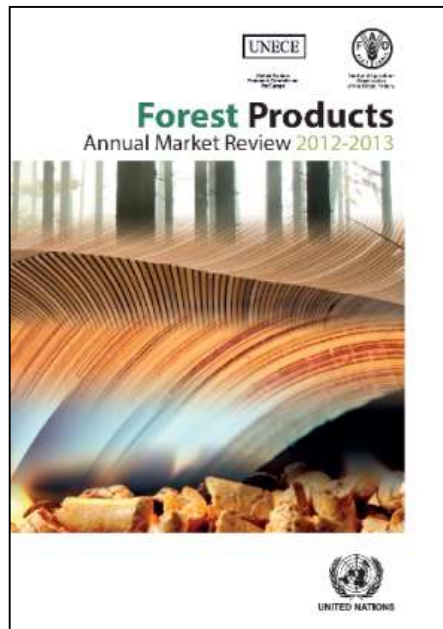
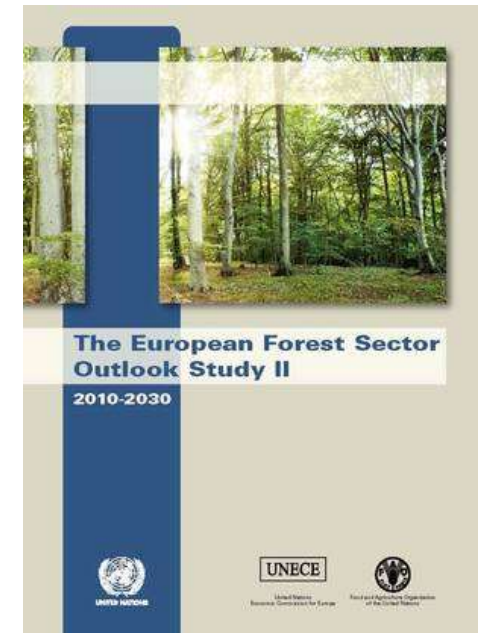
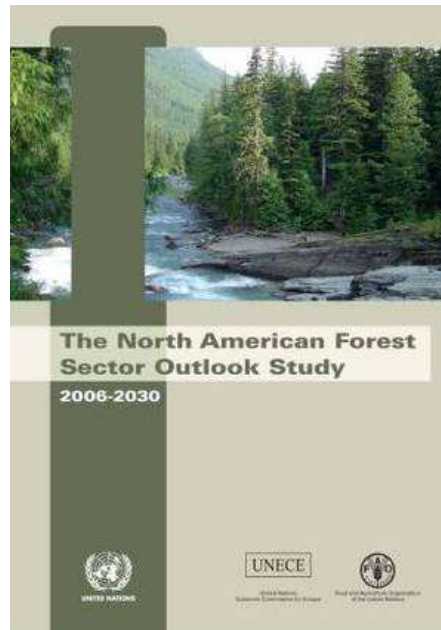
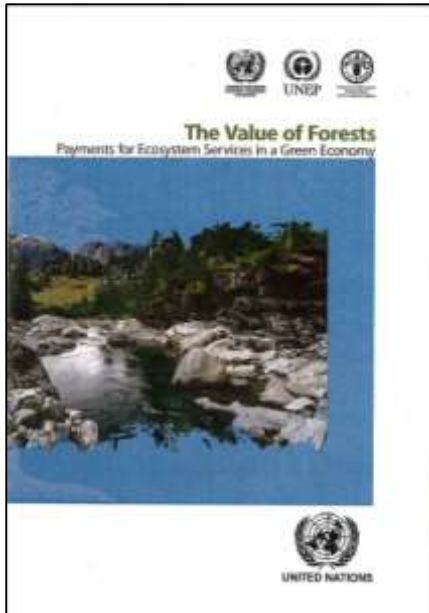
Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits



Reverse the decline in development assistance for SFM and mobilize financial resources

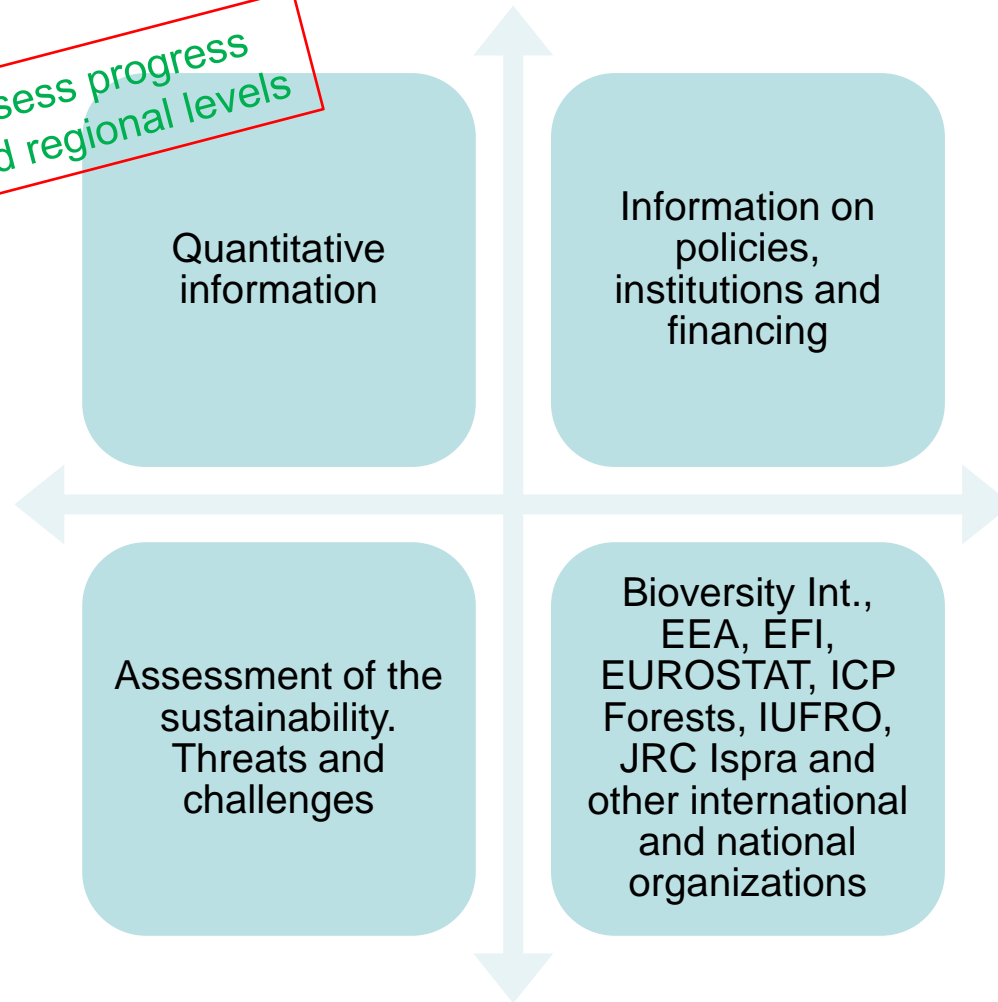


# Output examples



# State of Europe's Forests 2011

To monitor and assess progress  
at the national and regional levels





# Reliable monitoring of forests in the region



- 6 Criteria for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM):
  - Forest Resources and Carbon (4)
  - Forest Ecosystems Health and Vitality (4)
  - Productive Functions (5)
  - Biological Diversity (9)
  - Protective Functions (2)
  - Socio-economic functions and conditions (11)
- Data collection every five years

35  
indicators



# UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber

To enhance cooperation as well as policy and programme coordination



Forest Policy Dialogues

Reverse the decline in development assistance for SFM and mobilize financial resources

Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits

Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy



Increase significantly the area of sustainably managed forests

Foster public-private partnership and cross-sectoral cooperation



Capacity Building: UNDA Project

Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits



# Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy



Series of objectives  
Actions to achieve those objectives

for

**International organizations  
Governments of member States  
Private sector  
Civil society at large... and others.**

Implementation with pilot countries and organizations starts 2014







## The 5 pillars of the action plan

1. Sustainable wood production and consumption

To encourage patterns of consumption and production of forest products which are truly sustainable

2. The low carbon-forest sector

To ensure the forest sector makes the best possible contribution to mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.

3. Decent green jobs in the forest sector

To ensure that the workforce is able to implement SFM, and that the forest sector provides decent jobs.

4. Valuation and payment for forest ecosystem services

To identify and value forest functions and to establish PES transactions, encouraging sustainable production and consumption patterns

5. Monitoring and governance of the forest sector

To ensure that the forest sector policies and institutions promote SFM, that policy making is evidence-based, and policy instruments are effective, efficient and equitable.

# IAF - weaknesses

non legally binding

not visible at regional level

not used at regional level

unknown to other sectors

no concrete outputs

not operationalized

no feedback from monitoring

institutional competition, roles not clear

no links with UN regional commissions

no formal links with COFO and RFCs

limited only to foresters

lack of leadership



# IAF - strengths

exists

sound global  
objectives for the  
whole forest sector

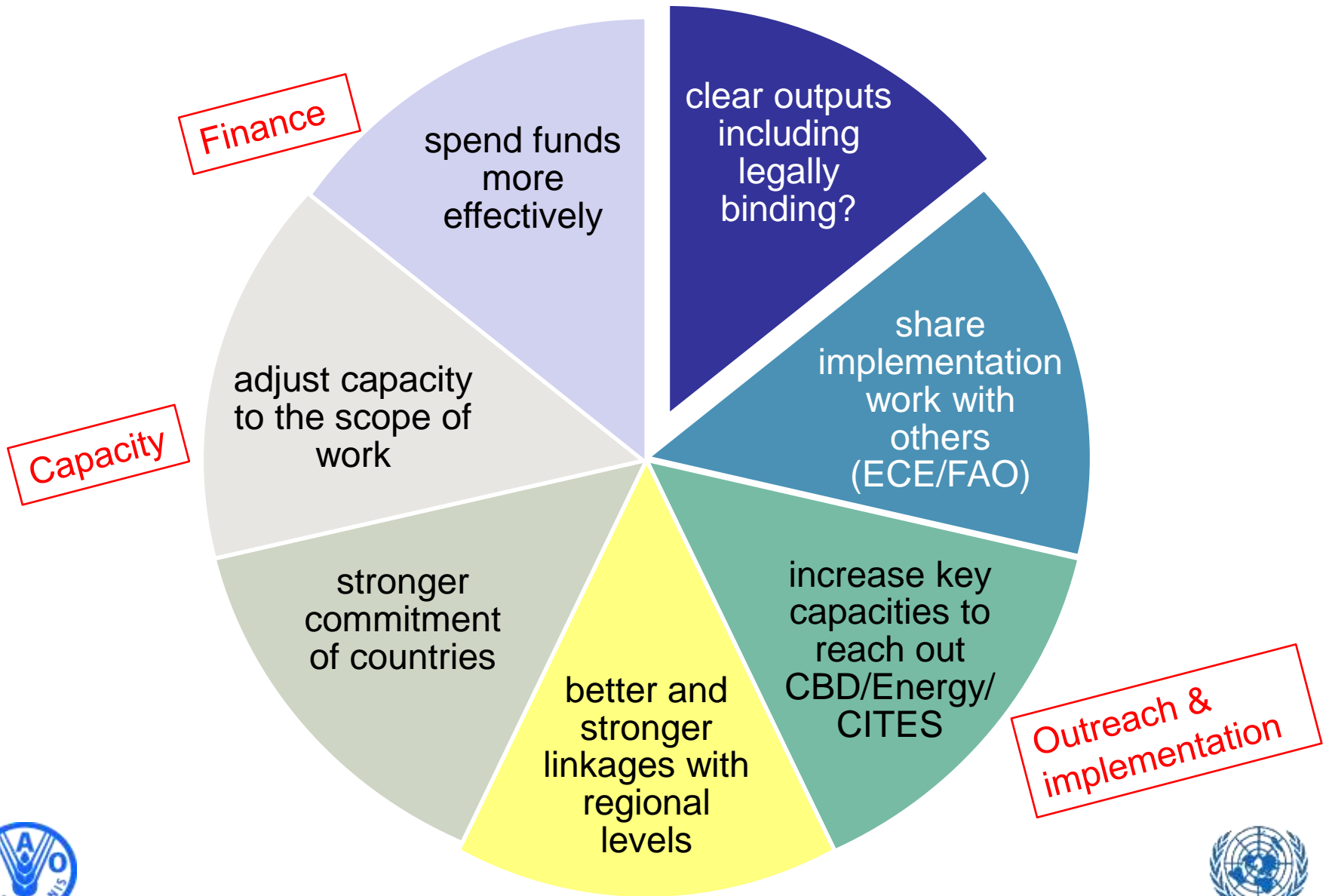
keeps attention on  
forests so they are  
not lost in SD  
agenda in NY in  
particular

good set of  
arrangements

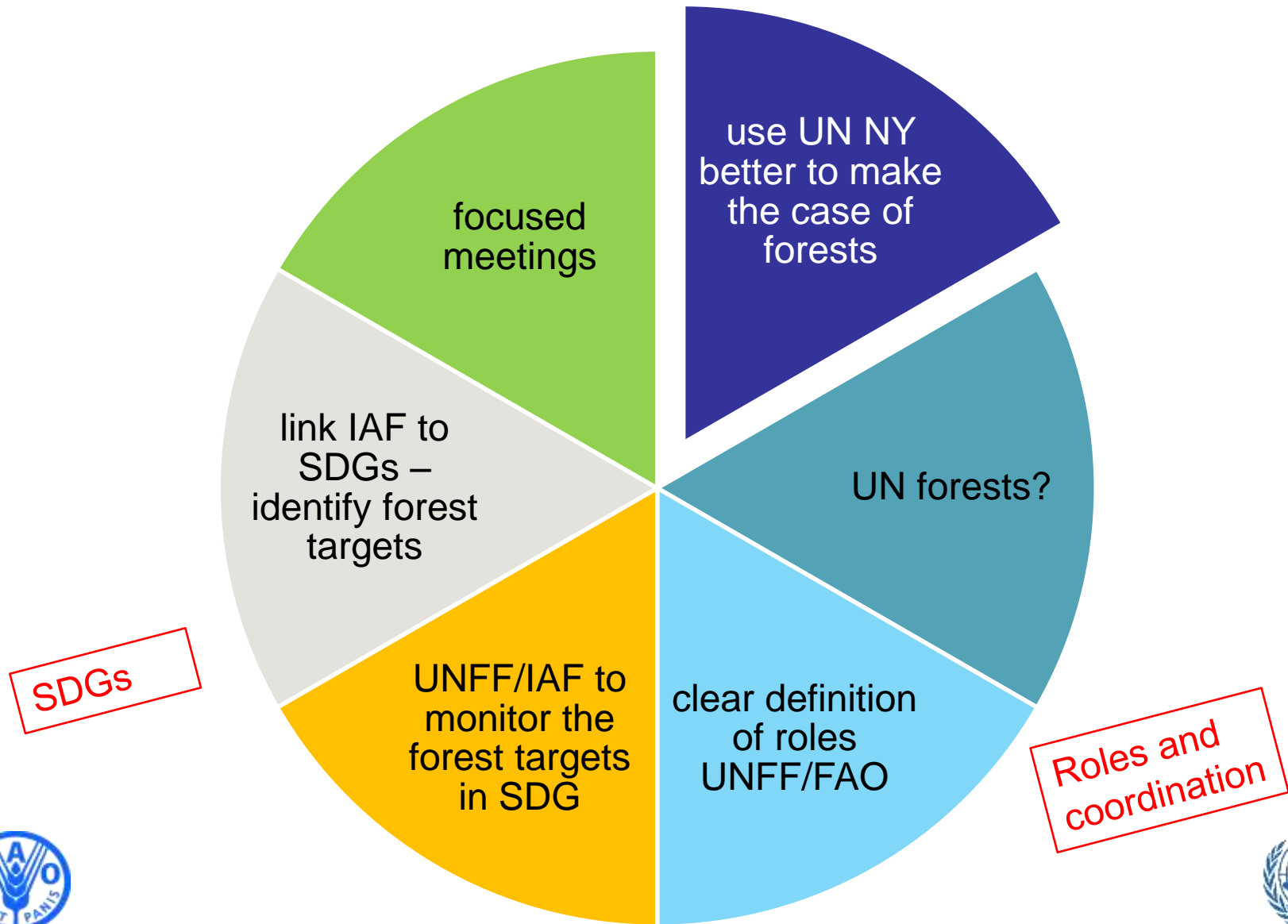
”only” follow-up to  
Rio 1992 on forests



# IAF - recommendations



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# Thank You!

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