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Regional and Sub-Regional Inputs to UNFF11

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General Information

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The eleventh session of the UNFF (UNFF11) will be held from 4 to 15 May 2015 in New York. In accordance with the Forum's MYPOW, the overall theme of UNFF11 is *Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward on the international arrangement on forests (IAF)*, with the following sub themes:

1. Reviewing the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests and consideration of all future options
2. Reviewing the progress towards the achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs) and the implementation of the No2622.3 Tm0 g0 G0000 G[m0 g0 G0000 G[m0 g0 G0000

Section I: Progress towards the implementation of the forest instrument and the achievement of the GOFs as well as the contribution of forests and the IAF to the internationally-agreed development goals, including the MDGs

A. Progress towards implementation of the Forest Instrument

1. Briefly describe actions (e.g. regulatory, financial/economic and informational/educational) taken by your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process to foster political commitment for sustainable forest management (SFM).

No action undertaken with direct reference to sustainable forest management. Policy

Please describe the main challenges encountered and/or lessons learned.

Voluntary nature of the agreement. No legally-binding or weak incentive mechanisms.

4. Briefly describe actions taken to enhance regional cooperation to address illicit international trafficking in forest products through the promotion of forest law enforcement and good governance.

FO/APFC/2013/7 describes the EU-FAO Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade programme (EU FAO FLEGT programme) is building a greater presence in the Asia-Pacific region, working with local stakeholders in countries negotiating or implementing Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs) and other eligible timber-producing countries.

Please describe the main challenges encountered and/or lessons learned.

Voluntary nature of the agreement. No legally-binding or weak incentive mechanisms.

5. List and briefly describe activities aimed at mobilizing new and additional resources from all sources for SFM.

1. Please describe actions taken by your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process and/or by other major stakeholders in your region/sub-region to help achieve the following:

GOF1, “Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management,

4. How would your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process envisage a strengthened regional/sub-regional component in a future IAF?

May support, upon request, strengthening of national institutional capacity for enhancing investment in natural capital. Planning to develop an online training course on investment in natural capital, to be made available through the ESCAP E-learning facility

5. Has your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process worked jointly with member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)² and/or major stakeholders to support the work of UNFF? If yes, please evaluate the overall collaboration.

ESCAP participates selected events organized by CPF agencies on case-by-case basis.

6. How would your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process envisage a strengthened collaboration with CPF member organizations and/or major stakeholders in a revised IAF?

ESCAP, like other UN Regional Commissions, could support linking IAF debates to regional preparatory process for HLPF, e.g. monitoring/review of the progress in implementation, subject to priority set by member states.

² CPF member organizations: Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Secretariat of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (UNFF), Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), The World Bank, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)