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Regional and Sub-Regional Inputs to UNFF11

Regional/Sub-regional Organization/Process:

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related mechanisms, institutions, organizations and processes as an integral part of session deliberations.¹

The eleventh session of the UNFF (UNFF11) will be held from 4 to 15 May 2015 in New York. In accordance with *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 Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types
3. Reviewing the contribution of forests and the IAF to the internationally-agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),

In completing this questionnaire, you may choose to extract the relevant information and include it in your submission, if information is already available in existing reports and/or documents. Otherwise, you may provide the reference or document itself to the UNFF Secretariat, indicating the relevant section. Please note that the Year 2007 – the year of the adoption of the Forest Instrument (2007), should be used as a baseline throughout the document.

Moreover, in view of

3. Briefly describe actions taken to enhance regional cooperation to promote international trade in forest products from sustainably managed forests harvested.

- Not on the international trade but in general cooperation with UNFF, FAO and ECO

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

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- Forest protection program
- Limitation of forest harvesting
- Research program on C&I for SFM
- Forest rehabilitation
- Tree plantation and afforestation

2. What indicators have been, or could be, used to assess the contribution of forests to the MDGs?

- Climate change is a very important phenomena
- afforestation and tree plantation

3. Please provide additional information specific to your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process on MDGs forest-related work.

- Dry zone with hard climatic condition are very vulnerable to climate change and have very limited vegetation cover and have big potential for plantation

Section II: Review of the effectiveness of the current IAF and the future options

1. From the perspective of your respective regional, sub-regional organization/process, please provide a general evaluation of the strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement of the current IAF.

- I can not find a suitable place for LFCCs in IAF, but in future IAF will cover their needs and requirements

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.

- Yes mainly UNFF and then FAO and IUFRO and limited with UNCBD

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?

- CPF members are engaged with internal matters and totally forget LFCCs and forest and forestry issues in dry land zones

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), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Women (CEDAW), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (OPSC), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflicts (OPAC), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Optional Protocol on the Recruitment of Children into Armed Forces (OPIC), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (OPSC), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflicts (OPAC), Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Optional Protocol on the Recruitment of Children into Armed Forces (OPIC)