

Indonesia's Intervention

On inclusion of targets from other bodies

In the Strategic Plan of the International Arrangement on Forests

Mr. Co-chair,

As we put forward yesterday morning, we would like to see the UN Strategic Plan on Forests and the 4 year Plan of Work be robust. We will have statements of vision, mission, goals, targets, and actions. The goals will be achieved when the sets of targets are achieved. The sets of targets comprise targets set by other relevant UN bodies, and targets set by IAF. The latter is self-explanatory. We see the merits of this classification of targets that are set in other UN bodies, and targets that are IAF original.

Mr. Co-chair,

With the targets set by other bodies, we need to be clear of what we want to do with them.

Firstly, do we want to serve as a coordination body for of information on progress to achieve the targets, with the view to promote coherence in the global forest policy? Given its cross-cutting nature, coherence should be a target in all goals, that is to promote coherence of efforts by relevant bodies in regards the particular goal. With that target of coherence, we can identify the actions needed to promote the coherence.

Secondly, do we want (also) to contribute to the achievement of those targets? In this regard we need to check with those bodies, what have been undertaken and achieved, and what are the gaps that the IAF can fill in?

We understand that IAF is well known for its Collaborative Partnership on Forests, which include secretariats of the UN bodies that have set targets that are to be included in the UN Strategic Plan on Forests. Also we understand that some representatives of Member Countries are knowledgeable of the work of those other UN bodies. These are advantages, which would help us when cross-checking to avoid duplication and gaps of efforts to achieve "common targets". We propose that such cross-checking be undertaken with the help of consultants, and with consultation with relevant CPF member organizations and relevant representatives of Member Countries.

We belief that such exercise can fit into the timeline towards the adoption of the Strategic Plan on Forests.

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration.