Item 4: UNFF Performance/Achievements/ Strengths/ Weaknesses/ Areas for Improvement

United nations Forum on Forests

Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on the international arrangement on forests

First Meeting

24-28 February, 2014

Nairobi

Objectives and Purpose of the IAF

Objectives

Promote management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests

Strengthen long-term political commitment

Purpose

Promote the implementation of internationally agreed actions on forests, at the national, regional and global levels

Provide a coherent, transparent and participatory global framework for policy implementation, coordination and development

Facilitate implementation of forest-related agreements

Views on the IAF in 2004

Positive

Country-led initiatives

Increased political interest in forests

Collaboration in forest organizations - CPF cooperation

Negative

Forum focused on negotiation text rather than catalyzing action

Streamline proposal for action and facilitate their use

Reporting burdensome

Lacking openness and inclusivity

For Improvement

Strengthen horizontal and vertical links

Strengthen enabling environment for SFM (finance, tech transfer and capacity)

Oose the gap between UNFF and in-forests effects

Achievements

Promoting a universal approach to SFM
Keeping the international agenda spotlight on forests
Communication and exchange, building consensus
Development of the CFP as a means of cooperative support

Streamlining reporting requirements

Partnerships with regional groups

Milestones

Agreement of the NLBI and the Global Objectives on Forests

Constitution of the MYPOW

Forest finance LFCC/SIDS, AHEG, GEF5 SFM/REDD+Incentive

IYOF and IDOF

Grengths

Maintaining the forum with universal membership

Country- and Organization-Led Initiatives

AHEGs

Organizational mix in OPF

Position within SDG context

Weaknesses

Utility of forum sessions
Facilitation of country level implementation
Difficult to show relationship with forest
elements of CBD or FCCC or CCD
Participation and interest by important
stakeholders

Areas for Improvement

Implement decisions
Coordinate decisions with CPF support
Concrete actions on the ground
Strengthen longEnhance stakeholder involvement
Improve reporting