

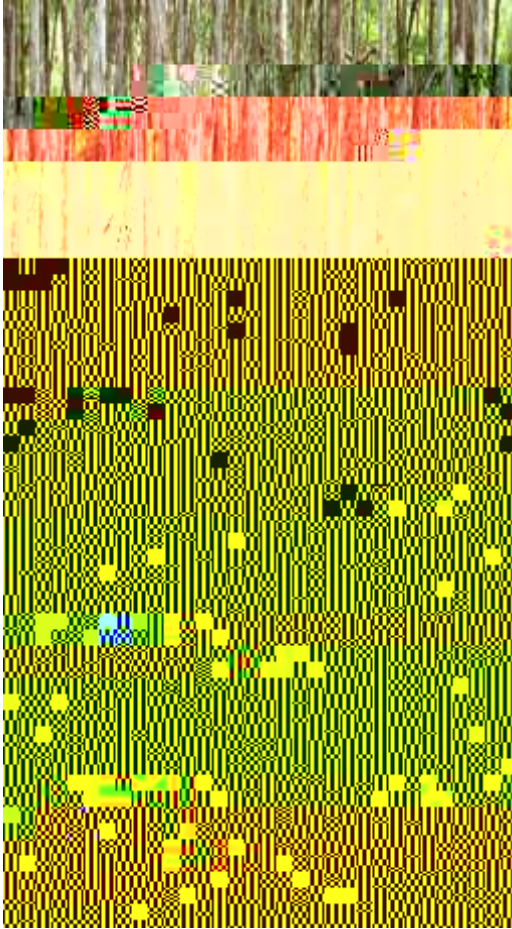
Way forward for the future IAF and interconnections with SDGs & post-2015 UN development agenda

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Way forward on IAF – AHEG 1 discussion



General agreement on need to strengthen:

Policy/program coordination at
international level (reduce fragmentation)

Regional/subregional engagement

Stakeholder engagement

Facilitative Process & access to funding

Monitoring, assessment & reporting

Science-policy interface

Impacts/implementation at national level

Way forward on IAF – AHEG 1 discussions

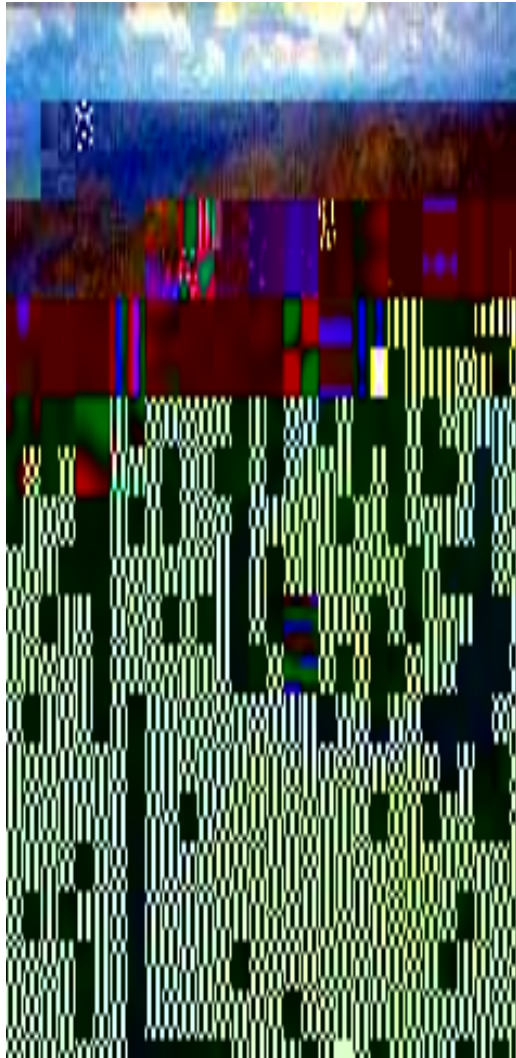
Less convergence on form of future IAF

Negotiate new forest treaty of some kind

LBA/LBI/convention/framework convention

Strengthen existing IAF institutions

A look back – Outcomes of LBI-NLBI debate



1990 (G7 Summit): US began push for GFC to look at forests “holistically” & complement FCCC & CBD negotiations. By 1991, OECD countries favored GFC. Developing countries not convinced

1992: Rio adopted Forest Principles. Could not agree to negotiate GFC based on FP. N-S split

1995: CSD focused on forests & reopened debate on GFC. Some shift in positions away from N-S but no consensus. Compromise was IPF (2 year mandate)

1997: Rio+5 (UNGASS) again debated GFC pros & cons. Compromise was IFF (2 year mandate)

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AHEG1 begins a new round of talks on future IAF



Developments since 2007 provide new context for looking at IAF options

REDD+, Aichi targets, GEF forest strategy, Nagoya Protocol, HLPF, UNEA, SDGs, Post-2015, etc...

When considering LBI, some basic questions:

- Would LBI be based on FI (put FI in legal framework)? Or something different?
- Would LBI have general obligations or specific targets?
- What would be funding mechanism? What level of \$\$ is expected & from what sources?
- Is LBI likely to have universal membership? Or will some key players be missing?
- How long before LBI becomes operational? Could be 8+ years from decision to launch INC to entry into force = 2023+
- What happens to IAF in meantime? Cease to function? Replaced by INC process? Carry on work?

Way forward...?



Assume current IAF carries on for some years even under eventual LBI scenario

10 sets of initial proposals on ways to strengthen IAF – in or out of the box?

Draw on views submitted by members, AHEG1 discussions, other ideas

1. Make the FI, its GOFs & the SDGs centerpiece of the IAF



Streamline and focus functions of IAF on FI/GOFs & forest SDGs/targets, and clarify roles of IAF components. For example --

UNFF: High level policy platform. Catalyst for FI implementation (using various visions/models)

CPF: Supports UNFF & promotes policy/program coordination thru joint programming & initiatives

UNFF members: Policy dialogue. Promote international coherence on forests by including relevant aspects of FI in work programs of CPF orgs.

UNFF trust funds, XB\$\$: Support, *inter alia*, “low cost - high benefit” activities, e.g. help countries prepare national reports, FI implementation plans, public awareness strategies

2. Reaffirm & extend FI & GOFs to 2025



In doing so:

Incorporate forest SDGs into FI

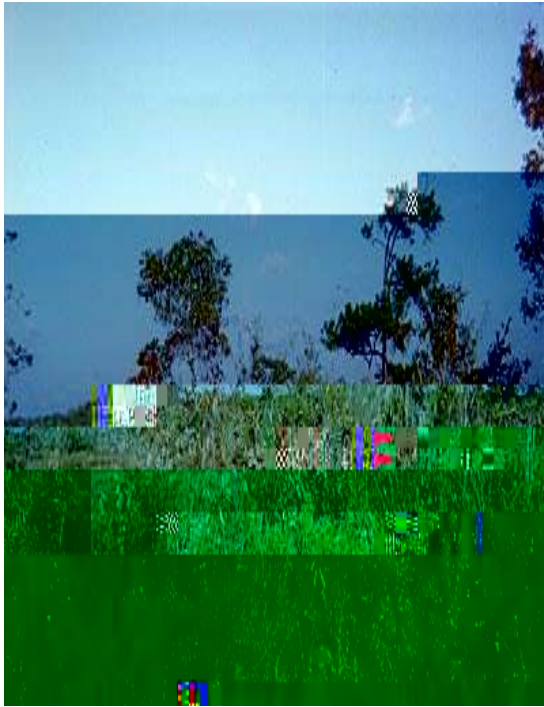
Annex or new IV bis

Elaborate GOF 5 on governance & enabling conditions

Rename/coin a “handle” for FI to improve marketing and understanding

Clarify linkages between paras 6&7 of FI, GOFs and forest SDG/targets

3. Take a strategic approach to MYPOW



Develop 8-10 year strategic plan for FI implementation with benchmarks or targets

Take into account recent developments & post-2015 agenda

Establish 2-4 year program of work (POW) focused on specific aspects of FI (paras 6&7/GOFs/SDG) and linked to benchmarks

5. Strengthen regional/subregional inputs & impacts

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Support travel of regional reps to UNFF sessions

Organize “Region Days” at UNFF to highlight regional perspectives (UNFCCC Forest Day model)

Develop web-

6. Strengthen stakeholder engagement in UNFF



Move beyond MG/MSD format to more interactive models with wider range of stakeholders

Engage forest products industry/trade – major sources of investment \$\$, income, technology

Create platforms to discuss FI elements of interest to industry

Enabling environments – partnerships - production – processing – recycling – illegal logging – certification

Engage philanthropic orgs. – potential source of \$\$. Expected role in post-2015 agenda

Set up informal advisory group to help UNFFS with above & to consider MG proposals

Review UN rules of procedure

7. Strengthen impacts of CLI/RLI/OLIs

Clearly focus CLI/RLI/OLIs on specific POW topics

Incorporate CLI/RLI/OLI outcomes & recommendations in Sec-Gen papers on POW topics

Identify elements of a successful CLI/RLI/OLI process (e.g. planning, preparations, participation, timeframe, organization of work, etc.)

Revise current guidelines to take these suggestions into account



Photo: Myanmar Forest Department

8. Take Facilitative Process to next level



Establish a “global forest mechanism” (CCD model) to advise/help countries:

Develop financing strategies for SFM/FI (short-medium- long-term)

Access financing to implement FI from range of sources (& identify conditions needed for success)

Attract investment in SFM/FI (& get “investment ready”)

Connect with potential technical coop. partners (N-S, S-S, triangular, public-private)

Mainstream SFM into broader development frameworks

Unit within UNFFS but locate to maximize synergies: NY, Rome (FAO, GM), good offer?

10. Strengthen UNFFS



Clarify main secretariat functions:

- Support intergovernmental process

- Support CPF and serve as CPF member

- Administer trust fund(s)

- Promote forests/SFM/UNFF as part of UN in NY

Establish clear priorities for UNFFS

Develop 2-year work plan for use of RB & XB\$\$ based on priorities and capacity

Develop fund-raising strategy to increase XB resources: \$\$ for TFs, projects/activities, in-kind

Urge secondments from CPF & UNFF members

Double RB posts to 16 (still compact!)

Further thoughts on way forward for IAF



Reduced forest fragmentation at the international level can be achieved only if UNFF members coordinate in capitals across ministries
take consistent messages on forests/SFM/FI to CPF governing bodies

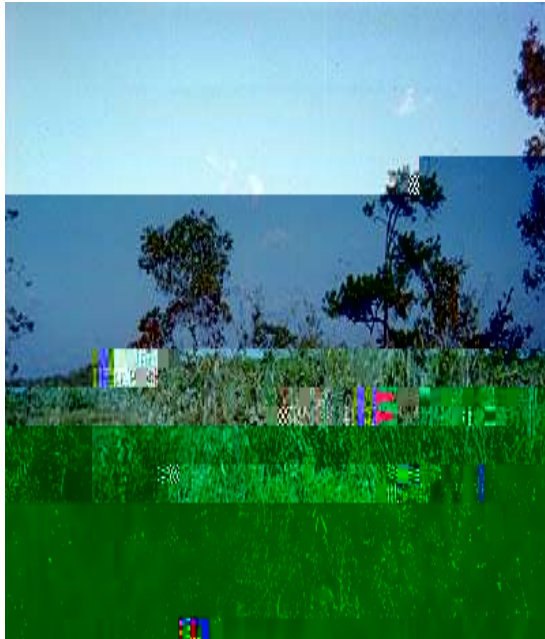
IAF can foster coherence but it can't "make it happen" absent member commitments

Implementing FI contributes to implementing Rio Conventions & vice versa

All CPF organizations are mechanisms for delivery of FI implementation at national level.

Regional organizations also have considerable potential to be delivery mechanisms

SDGs & post-2015 UN development agenda



2010: MDG Summit catalyzed post-2015 process. Focused on sustainable development

2012: Rio+20 initiated OWG process to propose SDGs, building on MDGs & other IADGs (e.g. Monterrey Consensus)

Both processes handled within GA and will eventually converge

SDGs-OWG Process



Opportunity to go beyond MDG 7 - highlight contribution of forests to sustainable development

Options for forests:

- Stand alone forest SDG

- Crosscutting SDG with forest targets -- OWG focus area 17 “ecosystems & biodiversity”

- Key: Include forest targets under all relevant SDGs (poverty-food-energy-etc.)

2 proposals for 10 forest targets: (1) CPF and (2) UNECE/FAO workshop (January 2014)

SDG/OWG Process – Next Steps



March 2014 - OWG begins negotiating SDGs

Sept 2014 - OWG proposes SDGs/targets to GA

SDGs/targets finalized thru post-2015 process

Next few months – window for proposing forest targets under various OWG focal areas

Post-2015 Process – Many Work Streams



UN System Task Team to provide analytic inputs

60 agencies led by DESA-UNDP. 2 reports. 18 think pieces

WGs. TST provides inputs to OWG

Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing

High Level Panel of Eminent Persons

DCF high level symposia/dialogues on future role of development cooperation

High Level Political Forum

Regional & national consultation process

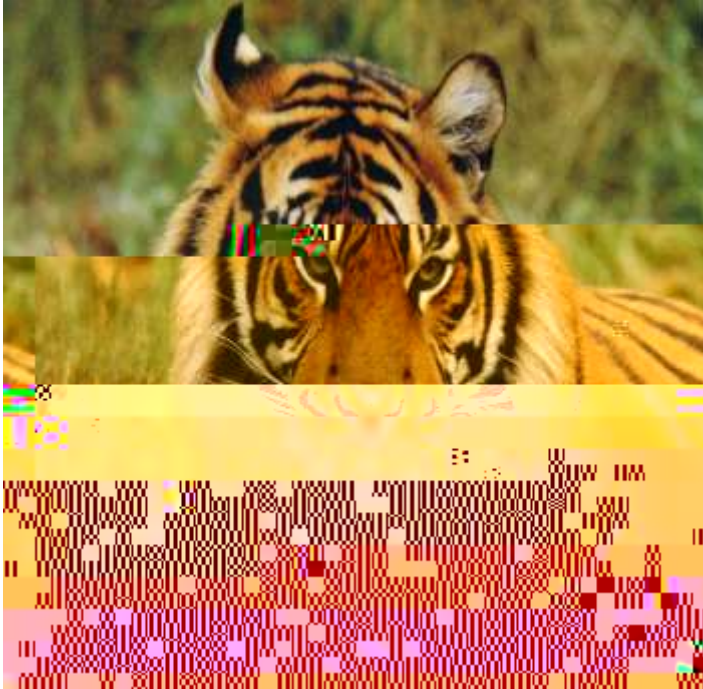
UNDG multi-stakeholder consultations on 11 themes

UN Global Compact – business/private sector

Sustainable Development Solutions Network – scientific & academic community. **Global expert panel on forests, oceans, biodiversity, ecosystems**

Opportunity for UNFF11

Post-2015 work streams will come together (somehow) and feed into final preparations for GA in Sept 2015



Thank you for your attention!