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### Voluntary National Report to the 11th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

### **Background**

The eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11) will be held from 4 to 15 May 2015 in New York. In accordance with the Forum's Multi-Year Program of Work for 2007-2015, the overall theme of UNFF11 is *Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward on the international arrangement on forests (IAF)*. The UNFF11 will, *inter-alia*:

- Review progress towards the achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs) and implementation of the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (hereinafter referred to as the "Forest Instrument"), and
- 2. Review the contribution of forests and the IAF, including the Forest Instrument, to the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The submission of national reports by UNFF Member States on the above items will provide a crucial input to the Secretary-General's analytical, consolidated report to UNFF11 on the progress and trends in the above-mentioned areas, as well as to the Forum's deliberation on the future of the IAF.

Pursuant to Resolution 10/1 of the tenth session of the Forum<sup>1</sup>, the UNFF Secretariat (UNFFS) in collaboration with the CPF member organizations and in close consultations with countries, revised and streamlined the reporting format. The attached revised format builds on and further simplifies the UNFF10 reporting format. Specifically, the number of questions has been reduced by consolidating previous areas of overlap, and Member States are asked to submit only information that is not currently provided to CPF member organizations, or that is unavailable in other international databases.

The UNFF11 reporting format is presented in two parts. Part I includes questions related to the progress on the implementation of the Forest Instrument, including achievement of the GOFs. Part II includes questions on the contribution of forests and SFM to the achievement of the MDGs.

To the extent possible, the information submitted by countries to the UNFFS will be supplemented with quantitative data, *inter alia*, from the following international data providers:

- FAO, Forest Resources Assessment (FRA)/Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CRFQ) - FAO, Forest Europe, UNECE, ITTO, Montreal Process and OFAC
- Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) FAO, ITTO, UNECE, EUROSTAT
- FAO, State of the World's Forests (SOFO) 2014
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Resolution 10/1 of UNFF10 requested the UNFF secretariat (UNFFS) to further streamline the guidelines and format for voluntary national reporting to the eleventh session of the Forum including a technical discussion on reporting methodology with relevant experts of Collaborative Partnership on Forest member organizations, taking into account types of information provided to Collaborative Partnership on Forest member organizations and through criteria and indicators and other regional processes and balanced regional workshops depending on available resources.(United Nations Forum on Forests, Report on the Tenth Session -8 to 19 April 2013, E/2013/42 \_E/CN.18/2013/18, Page 6)

### **Reporting Guidelines and Format**

Member States are kindly requested to:

- 1. Submit their completed national report electronically (in MS Word) in English, French or Spanish to unff@un.org, by 30 September 2014, at the latest. Early submissions will greatly facilitate the Secretariat's preparation of the analytical, consolidated Secretary-General's report to UNFF11. Please note that the MS Word file of the reporting format can also be downloaded from the UNFF website at: http://www.un.org/esa/forests/ /unff11 reporting template.doc
- Submit, in a separate electronic file, a scanned version of the official, signed letter conveying their submission from their respective Ministry, or a note verbale from their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.
- 3. Submit any graphic elements included in their national report, as separate electronic files.
- 4. Check all boxes that apply to questions that have multiple-choice components. In addition to the "Yes" or "No" answers, countries are encouraged to provide brief descriptive narratives, as this provides context and background. Please also note that space provided for the descriptive information is limited to 250 words per question.

In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues related to forests and sustainable forest management (SFM), respondents are encouraged to consult with experts from relevant national ministries to complete the reporting format, including, for example, the ministries of environment, economic development, finance and agriculture. Respondents are also strongly encouraged to consult with the national focal points for the FAO Forest Resources Assessment (FRA), the Rio Conventions, other CPF member organizations and C&I processes, where applicable.

Please note that the Year 2007 - the year of the adoption of the Forest Instrument (2007), is used as a baseline throughout the document.

All terms used in this document are consistent with the FAO/FRA Working Paper 180 "Terms and Definitions FRA 2015": http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/ap862e/ap862e00.pdf

### **Abbreviations**

C&I	Criteria and Indicators processes
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**FLEGT** Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade

FAO's global Forest Resources Assessment FRA

GOF Global Objectives on Forests

ITTO International Tropical Timber Organization

**MDGs** Millennium Development Goals **NFP** National Forest Programme ODA Official Development Assistance SIDS Small Island Developing States

Sustainable forest management SFM

UN **United Nations** 

**UNFF** United Nations Forum on Forests

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### PART I:

# <u>Progress on the implementation of the Forest Instrument, including achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)</u>

	nen forest-relate	d policies, legis	007, what actions ha lation, and law enfo e specify:	
		New	Amendment of	existing
Forest policy				
Forest legislation				
National forest pro	ogramme			
Forest land tenure	<b>e</b>			
Other actions				
None				
Please provide fu	rther information of	on these and/or o	ther actions:	
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To what extent had Instrument?	ave these actions	been effective in	advancing implemen	ntation of the Forest
motrument:	Effective	Partially effective	Not effective	Not in place
Forest policy				
Forest legislation				
NFP				
Forest land tenures				
Other actions				

	provisions of the Forest Instrument were to a large extent already implemented in vay after the revision of the forest law in 2006.
traffic	2007, what steps has your government taken to prevent and reduce international cking in illegally-harvested forest products such as timber, wildlife and other gical resources?  New legislation Improved enforcement of existing legislation Export controls Import controls Bilateral agreements between exporting/importing countries None Other, e.g. public procurement policies, public-private partnerships. Please list below:
Norv	vay is in the process of implementing the EU Timber regulation (EUTR).
Norv Enfo Envi	vay is a sponsor of INTERPOLs LEAF project. Project LEAF, which stands for Law reement Assistance for Forests, is a partnership between INTERPOL and the United Nations ronment Programme (UNEP), with additional financial backing from the Norwegian Agency for elopment Cooperation (NORAD)
crimo proje	way provides funding to establish a broad effort on combating transnational organized forest e involved in illegal logging through the project <i>Organized Forest Crime (ORGFORC)</i> . The act is specifically focusing on illegal logging and associated corruption, tax fraud and money dering.
gove	way has pledged financing for a pilot project on fighting illicit timber trade in East Africa. The rnments of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda have all expressed a willingness to fight illegality in the t sector, and asked for support services from the UN and Interpol. The project is set to commence 14 and end late 2016.
respo	way co-sponsored the resolution <i>Strengthening a targeted crime prevention and criminal justice</i> onse to combat illicit trafficking in forest products, including timber, which was adopted at DDC CCPCJ in May 2014.
Pleas	e provide 2-3 examples and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
and	2007, what steps has your government taken to raise the importance of forests SFM in national development plans, poverty reduction strategies or other calent plans?
	Forests/SFM are now included in national development plans/strategies
x	Forests/SFM now have a higher priority in national development plans/strategies
	The contribution of forests/SFM to poverty eradication, food security, water security, employment is an ongoing subject of discussion
	Other, please list below:

Please provide 2-3 examples of effective actions in support of the Forest Instrument and web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

Norway is a major contributor to REDD+, Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation, and enhancement of carbon stocks, through the Norwegian International Climate and Forest Initiative.

This initiative, announced at COP 13 in Bali in 2007 promises results-based finance to tropical developing countries that can reduce emissions, and advocates REDD+ under UNFCCC.

Norway channels this support through:

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- Direct bilateral partnerships with countries such as Brazil, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Liberia, Peru, Tanzania, Vietnam and Guyana.
- Multilateral programs such as UN-REDD and the World Banks Forest Carbon Partnership Facility and Forest Investment Programme.
- Supporting civil society actors throughout the world.

The initiative is funded through official development assistance (ODA), and the supported REDD+ activities must demonstrate that they contribute to the overarching development goals such as sustainable development, poverty reduction, and gender equality. Millions of people, including indigenous peoples and local communities, rely on the world's tropical forests for their livelihoods, and their rights and interests are fundamental elements of the Initiative. The budget of this initiative is approximately 500 million USD per year.

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In relation to the development and implementation of forest policy processes, important cross-sectoral issues have been identified; e.g. energy, climate change, biological diversity, agriculture, rural development, economic development. Cooperation mechanisms (interministerial groups, public hearings and consultations etc.) and alliances are developed to secure coordination and cooperation with key actors in other sectors (ministries, executive and implementation agencies, scientific and educational institutions, private sector actors). Inter-sectoral policies, strategies, programmes and activities have been developed and implemented. The Nature Diversity Act and the Planning and Building Act apply across sectors and facilitate cross-sectoral coordination (ref. question 1).

If Yes, please specify which ministries and/or departments are involved and how effective

these measures have been in implementing SFM:

	Effective	effective	Not effect	tive Not in place
Agriculture/Rural Development	х			
Climate Change	x			
Environment	Х			
Mining				x
Energy	x			
Water	x			
Tourism	x			
Other				
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them arise				· ·
Other, please list be				
Stakeholder participation is an im from public hearings and consulta and all relevant stakeholders have	ations to joint decis	ion making. All lega	l instruments are sub	ject to public inquiry
How effective are these med	chanisms in pro	moting consensu	ıs approaches:	
	Effective	Partially effective	Not effective	Not in place
Private sector				
Forest workers				
Local communities				
Indigenous communities				
NGOs				
General Public				
Please provide 2-3 example	s, and, if possib	le, provide web-	link(s) to relevant	document(s):
To what extent do local a publicly-owned forests?  Completely x Partially None	_	communities	have tenure or u	user rights over
☐ Not applica	able			
Please provide 2-3 example goods and services product document(s):				
The main part of the norwg governed by legislation gra				e-owned land is

9.	SFM and to implement the Forest Instrument?
	☐ Yes ☐ No
	If Yes, what is the timeframe of these strategies?
	☐ 2-5 years
	☐ 5-10 years
	☐ 10-20 years
	Other, please specify:
	The government support investments in forests, I e silviculture, infrastructure, forest
	management planning, environmental measures.
	These strategies take into account:
	x Domestic public funding
	Domestic private funding
	<ul><li>Public international (including ODA and REDD+)</li><li>External private funding</li></ul>
	Please provide 2-3 examples, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
10	. Has your government established one or more systems/mechanisms for payment for
	ecosystem services (PES) provided by forests?
	☐ Yes ☐ No
	If Yes, please specify, and, if possible, provide the estimated total value of these payments since 2007:
	Watershed protection/water supply USD
	<ul><li>☐ Carbon storage (including REDD+)</li><li>X Nature conservation</li><li>USD 184 mill.</li></ul>
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	Currently, most protected areas in forests are established in state-owned areas or on a
	voluntary basis on privately owned land. There is great interest from landowners in voluntary protection of forest. Allocations for forest conservation totalled NOK 331.1 million
	for 2014.
	Please provide 2-3 examples of PES and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant
	document(s):
11	. Since 2007, has your government been able to mobilize significantly increased
• •	financial resources for the implementation of SFM? If yes, please specify sources:
	2007 2013
	☐ Domestic public funding USD 35,46 USD 51

		Domestic private	funding	USD n/a	USD n/a
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		what steps has y SFM and forests?		iment taken to e	ncourage private sect
		and legal reforms t		e greater private inv	restment
	Finan	<del>-</del>	_	•	s, employment subsidies
x	etc.				
		lishment of markets	-	•	•
	forest		ector (leatlets,	conferences, fairs	promoting investment in
x	Devel SFM	opment and improve	ment of infra	structure and other	public services related to
	Other	; please list below:			
Pleas	se provid	e 2-3 examples, and	, if possible, p	provide web-link(s)	to relevant document(s):
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,.	<b>у</b> сто.	Yes	No		
If Vac		specify with whom:			
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	X	Intergovernmenta	l Organizatio	า	
		Private sector/phi	•	•	
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	x				
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		South-South			
	Х	Technical			
	Х	Financial			
		Others			
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	Χ	Forest degradation and rehabilitation
	X	Scientific cooperation
	Χ	Forest monitoring/data collection
	Χ	Technology transfer and capacity development
		Other, please list below:
		provide 2-3 examples of international cooperation, and, if possible, web-link(s) to t document(s):
	Please	list the key challenges faced by your government in implementing SFM:
14.		our country have one or more institutes or centers of excellence engaged in the pment and application of scientific, technical and technological innovations for
		x Yes 🗌 No
	If Yes.	what areas do these technical/scientific activities focus on:
	Χ	Forest inventory systems
	Χ	Low-impact logging or other harvesting techniques
	Χ	Wood production for energy
	Χ	Wood processing technology
	X	Waste reduction and recycling
		Other, please list below:
	Are the	se programs directed at:
		x Forest owners
		x Timber companies/forest products industry
		x State agencies
		x Local communities
		x Indigenous communities
		x NGOs
		x General public
	Since 2	2007, has funding for forest-related science and research increased?
		☐ Yes x No
	Please	describe, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

15.	What actions has your country undertaken to increase public awareness of the important benefits provided by forests?  Published broadcasts on TV and/or Radio Published materials, e.g. brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, or/and posters, etc. Meetings with the general public Art events/Exhibitions Activities in support of the International Day of Forests x Other  Please provide 2-3 examples, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
	Det norske Skogselskapet (the Forestry Society) is a nationwide member organisation providing information on the importance of and the benefits of the forest to the public. The Forestry Extension Institute provides further education for forest owners and forest workers. Both institutes have important roles in communicating forestry knowledge to children and young people. The Ministry of Agriculture and Food supports a project called "Learning with the Forest", which is an interdisciplinary teaching program designed for all levels from kindergarten to college level. The state owned company State Forests is also involved in this project. State Forests has an important task in providing access to forests for the public.
16.	What sets of criteria and indicators (C&I) for SFM are used in your country:  x National set of C&I  x Regional/international set of C&I (e.g. ITTO, Forest Europe, Montreal Process, Taraporto etc.)  Other  Please describe, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):  A national standard for sustainable forest management is operationalized in The PEFC Norway
	forest management standard . The Norwegian legislation on forestry refers to this standard .  Are these C&I used to:  x    Generate information to national reports on forest conditions and management   x    Monitor and assess and monitor forest conditions and management   x    Review and develop national forest policies and tools for SFM   x    Communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders   x    Report on forests to regional and international organizations If so, which ones:  FAO, Forest Europe, CBD, UNFCCC, ITTO
17.	Has your country translated the Forest Instrument into another language (not including the official UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)?

Please give examples of your country's success stories and lessons learned related to the implementation of the Forest Instrument, including contributions towards the four Global Objectives on Forests:

### PART II

### Contribution of forests and SFM to achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

The aim of Part II of this reporting questionnaire is to learn how forests and SFM have contributed to achieving the MDGs in your country, particularly with respect to poverty and hunger eradication (MDG1), environmental sustainability (MDG7) and developing a global partnership for development (MDG8).

19. How have forests/SFM contributed to era in your country?	adicatin	g extreme	poverty	and hun	ger (MDG1)
Please rate the scale of contribution on a highest)	scale of	1-5 (1 be	ing the lo	west and	5 being the
Ву:	1	2	3	4	5
Improving livelihoods					
Supporting subsistence needs, including fuel wood, fodder and shelter					
Contributing to food security, including through agroforestry systems					
Providing employment, including employment in informal economy					
Other:					
Please describe, and, if possible, provide web-l	ink(s) to	relevant c	locument(	(s):	
We have not completed part II of this report. In on how forests and sustainable forest managem with this format.	ent conti	ributes to the	e Millennii	ım Develoj	pment Goals
20. How have forests/SFM contributed to en your country?	suring	environme	ental sus	tainability	/ (MDG7) in
Please rate the scale of contribution on a shighest)	scale of	1-5 (1 be	ing the lo	west and	5 being the
Ву:	1	2	3	4	5
Providing habitat					
Supporting ecosystem, species and genetic diversity					
Stabilizing soils and slopes					
Safeguarding water resources	_	_		_	
Sequestering carbon					
Providing timber, energy and other products					

Please describe, and, if possible, provide a web-link to relevant document(s):

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By:	1	2	3	4	5
Engaging in regional and international collaboration on issues related to improved governance					
Through trade agreements involving forest products (e.g. bilateral/sub-regional/regional/inter-regional free trade agreements, EU voluntary partnership agreements, etc.)					
Fostering partnerships with the private sector					
Attracting foreign investment in the forest sector					
Fostering bilateral and international financial cooperation					
Fostering north-south, and south-south technical, technological and scientific partnerships					
Other					
ease describe, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to releva	ant dod	cument(	s): 		
	n achi	eving a	iny of	the rem	nain
2. Have forests/SFM contributed to making progress in DGs in your country?					

MDG3: Promoting gender equality and empowering women

MC	0G4: Reducing child mortality
MC	PG5: Improving maternal health
MC	OG6: Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases