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**Madame Le Directeur du Secrétariat du FNUF
(Forum des Nations Unies sur les Forêts)**

Objet : UNFF Intersessional Activities on the International Arrangement on Forests.
Format for soliciting Views and Proposals on the International Arrangement on Forests
United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat July 2013.

Madame Le Directeur,

Dans le cadre des activités intersession de l'UNFF sur l'Arrangement International sur les Forêts, j'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre ci-joint en fichier attaché, le questionnaire rempli cité en objet.

Comptant sur votre collaboration

Veillez croire, Madame Le Directeur, en l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.



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1. According to the multi-year programme of work adopted in 2007, the overall theme of the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFFII) in 2015 will be "Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward for the international arrangement on forests (IAF)." At this session, the Forum will review the effectiveness of the IAF and decide on its future.¹
2. In preparation for UNFFII in 2015, the Forum has made a number of decisions during the last fourteen years² Most recently, Member States through Resolution 10/2 of UNFFIO decided to undertake several intersessional activities to ensure UNFFII has a strong basis to review the effectiveness of the IAF and make a decision on the future of the IAF.
3. One of the three components of the intersessional activities on the IAF, as outlined in Resolution 10/2 of UNFFIO, is to solicit views from Member States and other relevant stakeholders on the IAF. Specifically, the Resolution invites countries, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations, other relevant organizations, relevant regional and subregional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes, major groups and other stakeholders to submit views and proposals to the Forum's Secretariat on the six key issues set out in paragraph 5 of the same resolution, and the full range of options on the future international arrangement on forests. The UNFF Secretariat should provide the compilation of these views and proposals to the first meeting of the ad hoc expert group (AHEG1) on the IAF³.
4. This format has been prepared by the Forum's Secretariat to facilitate submission of the inputs on the IAF to AHEG1. The electronic version of this format is available at: (<http://www.un.org/esa/forests/docs/news-on-iaf.doc>). Member States and other relevant stakeholders are invited to download this format and use it to submit their views and proposals in English. The explanation in each box should not exceed 150 words. Member States and other stakeholders are kindly requested to submit the original copy of the completed format in word processing software, with a scanned copy of the official letter from their respective organization/ministry/mission, via email to: unff@un.org, with copy to Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi at: moeini-meybodi@un.org, and Ms. Thida Srun at: sam2@un.org. All inputs should be sent to the UNFF Secretariat by 30 October 2013.

¹ Resolution 1 of UNFF7 and its annex (E/2007/42), please see:
<http://daccess-dds-nv.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N07/349/31/PDF/N0734931.pdf?OpenElement>

² ECOSOC Resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49, Resolution 1 of UNFF7 and its annex (E/2007/42) and Resolution 2 of UNFFIO and its annex (E/2013/42)

³ OP 5 and 6 of Resolution 2 of UNFFIO and paragraph 2 of its annex- Please see:
<http://daccess-dds-nv.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N13/321/90/PDF/N1332190.pdf?OpenElement>

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Section A: Full options for the IAF

A.1 Please select (with X in front of the options below) and explain the preferred option for the future of the IAF:

- D A legally binding instrument on all types of forests
 - X Strengthening of the current IAF
 - D Continuation of the current IAF
 - D Other options (please describe)
- IAF has a crucial role at UNFF

Section B: Performance of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and its processes since 2000, all the future options for UNFF

B.1 Please explain if you consider the current UNFF structure and its biannual sessions as sufficient to take necessary actions and to provide policy advice and guidance on all issues related to all types of forests and at all levels:

The UNFF structure has to be sufficient if the information at all types of forests and at all levels are complete in its structure

B.2 Please describe the UNFF's performance and list its key achievements in implementing its principal functions, as stated in ECOSOC resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/494 :

The UNFF promotes the sustainable management of all types of forests, promotes the implementation of internationally agreed actions on forests at global, regional levels, provides the forum for continued policy development among Governments, international organizations to foster a common understanding on sustainable forest management, fosters international cooperation including North-north and public-private partnerships as well as cross-sectorial cooperation at regional and global levels, enhances the contribution of forests to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals as MDGs, the implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, assists countries to maintain and improve their forest resources.

B.3 Please provide your view on the future options for the UNFF:

The UNFF must maintain its position in regards of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the post 2015 UN development goals.

B.4 Please describe the potential roles for UNFF in implementing the UN post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs:

The UNFF assess regularly the progress towards implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and in particular the achievement of the four global objectives on forests (GOFs).

8.5 Please describe the role and impact of Country-Led Initiatives and ad hoc expert groups in the work of the UNFF:

Country-Led Initiative and ad hoc expert groups give their expertise and their suggestions to allow the work of the UNFF be facilitated in terms of scientific and technical arguments.

8.6 Please indicate how effective you consider the engagement of major groups in the work of the UNFF and provide suggestions on their further engagement:

The major groups share their point of view which aren't always the ones of ad hoc expert groups because they consider social and cultural consideration for example.

8.7 Please explain the role and impact of the International Year of Forests and the International Day of Forests in promoting greater awareness and strengthening political and public commitment for forests:

The two events reinforce the importance of the commitment of all stakeholders including the international community, the regional organizations and the national authorities.

Section C: The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (Forest Instrument) and the four Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)

C.1 Please indicate progress in the implementation of the forest instrument:

- Adequate
- Inadequate
- Not sure

C.2 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

All the sources of financing should be found to implement all these forest instrument and the four GOFs. The sensitization must be improved in all countries in particular in the African countries, developing countries.

C.3 Please indicate progress in achieving the GOFs:

| | Adequate | Inadequate | Not sure |
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| GOF1 : | X | | |
| GOF2 : | X | | |
| GOF3 : | X | | |
| GOF4 : | X | | |

C.4 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

Mobilisation and activities toward all actions in achieving the four GOFs should be achieved in all types of forests

C.5 Please explain how implementation of the forest instrument has contributed to the implementation of forest-related international conventions, and vice versa:

As the implementation of the forest instrument takes place after an international consensus it has contributed of forest related international convention.

C.6 Please describe how the forest instrument and the GOFs can contribute to the post-2015 UN development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals:

The goals are similar because all contribute to the post-2015 UN development agenda and SDGs.

Section D: The Forum's Secretariat ..

D.1 Please indicate if you consider the structure, human and financial resources of the compact Secretariat of the UNFF adequate to fulfill its mandates:

- Adequate
- Inadequate
- Not sure

Additional explanation:

The expertise is there but the financial resources aren't sufficient to achieve their mandate

D.2 Please provide suggestion(s) on strengthening the Secretariat of the Forum to enable it to fulfill its functions more effectively:

The effectiveness of the IAF and the fulfillment of the road map are among the strength of the Secretariat of UNFF

D.3 Please provide suggestion(s) on how the Forum Secretariat's role, as a CPF member and as CPF secretariat, should be strengthened:

The role of facilitator needs to be reinforced as a CPF member and as CPF secretariat.

Section E: CPF and CPF Member Organizations

E.1 Please explain the impacts and sufficiency of the programs and actions taken by CPF and CPF member organizations in implementing resolutions and supporting the work of UNFF

CPF and CPF member organizations should take other role which facilitate the work of the UNFF.

E.2 Please describe how the CPF and its member organizations can further contribute to the work of the UNFF, and how to ensure availability of necessary resources for its activities in support of the work of the Forum:

The mandate of CPF and its member organizations are various and crucial also and it must need more financial resources.

Section F: Financing options and strategies

F.1 Please provide views on financing options and strategies, including the creation of a voluntary Global Forest Fund, to generate resources from all sources for sustainable management of all types of forests and trees outside forests:

Call for the creation of a **landscape restoration fund** at the national level based on an innovative mechanism that would use taxes on transport , tourism and extractive industries as a source of replenishment.

F.2 Please suggest concrete steps that UNFF, CPF members and other organizations should undertake to develop forest financing options:

- Facilitate the exchange of experiences in forest financing

- Ensure long-term sustainability of forest financing at the national level, regional level and further at international level

- Be devised for integration and streamlining into national development plans and strategies

- Include the development of an enabling environment for the private sector.

- Identify the macro level economic growth strategies and consider forestry as one of the priority sectors of the economy