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NEAR EAST FORESTRY AND RANGE COMMISSION

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THIRD NEAR EAST FORESTRY WEEK

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UNFF10 OUTCOMES

Secretariat Note

I. Background

1. The 10th Session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF10) was held from 8-19 April 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey, and focused on the theme 'Forests and Economic Development'. Participants discussed issues including: forests for economic development; means of implementation (MoI) for sustainable forest management (SFM); and emerging issues including outcomes of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20 Conference, the post-2015 development agenda and the future of the international arrangement on forests.

2. At UNFF10, two resolutions were agreed: one on the 'assessment of progress made on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument and towards the achievement of the four global goals on forests, regional and sub-regional inputs, forests and economic development and enhanced cooperation', and the other on 'emerging issues, MoI and the Forum Trust Fund'.

3. This note provides an overview of these two resolutions plus requests to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), which is chaired by FAO, and outlines possible involvement of the region in following-up UNFF10 recommendations in advance of the 11th Session of UNFF (UNFF11) in 2015.

RESOLUTION 1 (Resolution on Agenda Items 3, 4, 5 and 8)

A. Regional and Subregional Inputs

4. The resolution invites regional and subregional processes to, inter alia: provide inputs to UNFF; advance SFM with CPF members, of which FAO is one; promote North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation; scale up national and local research and develop and consolidate databases and knowledge management networks; and increase collaboration to address information and data gaps on values and contributions of forest products, goods and services.

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B. Forests and Economic Development

5. The resolution invites UNFF members States to, inter alia: recognize the contributions of forest goods, products and services to national and local economies as well as the social, cultural and environmental impacts of forests to communities; improve the collection, analysis and reporting of information; integrate SFM into national development strategies; create and implement holistic and comprehensive strategies and policies to promote SFM as a cross-sectoral approach at all levels; strengthen enabling environments to promote ecosystem services; enhance the role and participation of stakeholders in the forest sector; promote private and public investments in SFM; promote good governance at all levels; recognize the importance of urban forests and trees and integrate them in urban planning; and develop comprehensive policies to reduce risks and impacts of natural disasters and climate change.

6. The resolution also encourages UNFF member States to highlight best practices and success stories to address all four Global Objectives on Forests; to enhance cooperation; and organize activities in support of The International Day of Forests, 21 March, of each year.

RESOLUTION 2 (Resolution on Emerging Issues, MoI, and the Forum Trust Fund”

A. Review of the International Arrangement on Forests

7. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/49 of 28 July 2006, UNFF10 decided that the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests will be reviewed in 2015 and that on this basis a full range of options will be considered, including a legally binding instrument on all types of forests, strengthening the current arrangement, continuation of the current arrangement and other options.

8. In preparation of the review of the International Arrangement on Forests at UNFF11 and as a part of intersessional activities on this matter leading up to UNFF11, member States through resolution 2 of UNFF10 also decided to conduct an ‘Independent Assessment of IAF’. Consultants were identified to carry out this work, according to its terms of references (ToRs can be found on the UNFF website). In addition to this direct contribution, resolution 2 also called for all region-led initiatives to provide information to the UNFF Secretariat on their contributions.

B. Rio+20 outcome and post-2015 development agenda

9. The Resolution calls for forests to be recognized in the post-2015 development agenda in order to help achieve all internationally agreed development goals and encourages member states to integrate forests into discussions on the Rio+20 outcomes and the post-2015 development agenda.

C. Means of Implementation

10. The Resolution calls on members to, inter alia: integrate SFM into national development plans and strategies; incorporate finance approaches in national forest programmes or their equivalent; strengthen efforts to identify the monetary and non-monetary values of forest goods and services; and take full advantage of the considerable resources still available in the existing GEF-5 SFM/REDD+ Incentive Mechanism.

11. The role of the CPF is also highlighted in the resolution, which calls on CPF members to coordinate efforts to advance and increase financing for SFM by strengthening CPF’s efforts to collect and facilitate access to data on forest financial flows.

II. Points for consideration

12. Commission members may wish to determine the method and date by which they can contribute information and success stories on country-level implementation of the four Global Objectives on Forests.
13. The Commission may wish to invite members to provide information in support of the review of the international arrangement on forests; and invite FAO to support the review.
14. The Commission may wish to call on members to undertake activities during the forthcoming International Day of Forests, 21 March 2014, and report on their activities to both FAO and the UNFF.
15. The Commission could consider calling on FAO, as Chair of the CPF, in partnership with members, to review efforts to advance SFM in countries and finance flows and needs of Near East countries in advance of UNFF11.