SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FORESTS

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The UN Strategic Plan for Forests

- Negotiated by UNFF
- Adopted by the UN GA in 2017
- Provides a global framework for actions to sustainably manage the world’s forests and trees
- Serves as a reference for the forest-related work of the UN system
- Timeframe aligned with the 2030 Agenda
The UN Strategic Plan for Forests

• Promotes SFM and the contribution of forests and trees outside forests to the 2030 Agenda
• Contains six Global Forest Goals (GFGs) with 26 associated targets
• Invites voluntary national contributions
• Provides an open-ended, indicative list of thematic areas for action (93!)
• Operates on a Quadrennial Programme of Work
Contributions of FAO to the UNSPF

• FAO’s work covers all identified thematic areas
• Key areas:
  • baselines and periodically updated information for the review of progress in implementation (e.g. FRA)
  • decreasing reporting burden
  • provision of analytical products (SOFO, FAOSTAT, etc)
• All these can be tailored according to the Quadrennial Programme of Work
Contributions of FAO to the UNSPF

• Contribution to strengthening the regional dimension of UNFF:
  • COFO recommended and RFCs confirmed interest in the collaboration with UNFF
  • UNFF Expert Meeting: RFCs can be a platform for “interacting more substantively with the Forum”
  • UNFF13: COFO to provide update on the potential offered by the RFCs for enhancing regional/subregional involvement
Contributions of the CPF

• CPF Workplan aligned with the Quadrennial Programme of Work:
  • Recurrent task (support UNFF, contribution to global events)
  • Joint Initiatives: 9 ongoing and 2 pipeline
    • FAO leads/co-leads 4 and member of other 5
• Strengthening CPF
  • New Policy document
  • Expanded membership (CITES)
• Finance continues to be a challenge
Points for consideration 1

• Stress the importance of the work of the CPF in supporting the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests and other global forest-relevant instruments

• Recognize FAO’s contributions to the work of UNFF and invite the Forum to continue to engage FAO closely in its work on the Organization’s areas of expertise;

• Invite the Forum to continue to use major analytical products of FAO in its review functions and consider a deeper collaboration with the regional forestry commissions in strengthening its regional dimension
Request FAO to:

• Continue to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the Quadrennial Programme of Work and align these activities with FAO’s Strategic Framework

• Continue and strengthen its leadership role in the CPF;

• Recognize the contribution to the UNSPF as a core function of the organization and include it in the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme of Work and Budget, and allocate adequate resources to these activities
"The branches of forests and trees reach out across the SDGs"