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**Forest-related  
indicators, monitoring  
and reporting related to  
the SDGs**

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



- SDGs agreed by the UN General Assembly in 2015
- 17 goals, 169 targets and 231 indicators
- Forests are relevant to most of the SDGs

# Global SDG indicator framework

National, Regional and Global Indicators



Comparability, Relevance and Transparency



National Statistical Officers, public private cooperation and other sources and techniques , including earth observation and geo-spatial information

**COUNTRY OWNERSHIP**

# Global SDG indicator framework

- Global and regional aggregates will be compiled and reported by specialized international agencies and organizations, based on country-level data and in full consultation with countries.
- Global indicators will be complemented by indicators at regional and national level
- At national level:
  - Countries may choose to develop national indicators in addition to the global ones based on national priorities and needs
  - Countries can carry-out up to two voluntary reviews between 2016 and 2030.

# Forest-related targets and indicators

- FAO has been assigned to monitor and report on 20 global indicators
- This mandate includes 3 forest-related indicators:
  - 15.1.1: Forest area in proportion of land area
  - 15.2.1: Progress towards sustainable forest management
  - 15.4.2: Mountain Green Cover Index
- FAO will also provide relevant data to those responsible for reporting on other forest-related indicators.

# Enhancing data collection, monitoring and reporting for the SDGs

- Support country capacity in data collection, monitoring and reporting aiming at improved data quality and consistent time series.
- Review FRA, as necessary, to better suit SDG reporting needs, including frequency of reporting.
- Promote best use of new innovative tools and methodologies to facilitate collecting, analyzing and reporting on forest-related data at national, regional and global level.



# The Committee may wish to invite countries to:

- ❑ **Strengthen forest data collection** to meet the needs of monitoring progress towards the SDG targets at global, regional and national levels.
- ❑ **Design national-level forest related SDG indicators**, including by building on information and data generated by the national statistics system and through national and regional C&I processes.

# The Committee may wish to request FAO to:

- ❑ **Review the FRA strategy**, in consultation with Member States and other international agencies and organizations, and align it as necessary towards the needs of SDG monitoring, as well as to the reporting needs of other global forest processes, aiming at production and dissemination of robust forest physical and socioeconomic information, including by using remote sensing.
- ❑ **Support countries in strengthening collection, analysis and dissemination of forest data** with a view to support the national SDG indicator framework and country reports to regional and global review processes.



# The Committee may wish to request FAO to:

- ❑ Continue to **explore new and innovative tools and techniques** to further improve support to Members in collecting, analysing and reporting data on forests and related aspects.
- ❑ **Pilot new methodologies** for assessing regional and global trends in forest cover.
- ❑ **Promote global and regional knowledge sharing** on best practices and lessons learned for enhancement of data collection and analysis of forest statistics and information.
- ❑ **Continue working** with the secretariats of CBD, UNFCCC, UNFF, other members of the CPF, as well as other international processes **to improve and streamline global reporting on forests.**