Reporting on SFM implementation: Existing & Potential Linkages between UNFF and the FRA process

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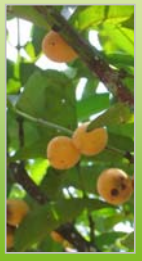
New Mandate



- New UNFF Multi-year Programme of Work 2007 – 2015 places strong emphasis on:

  - reviewing progress in implementing the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests

  - supporting activities related to monitoring, assessment and reporting

New Organisation of Work

Each UNFF session will focus on progress towards:

i. The achievement of SFM;
ii. Implementation of the Non-Legally Binding Instrument;
iii. Achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests;
iv. Implementation IPF/IFF proposals for action
v. Implementation of previous UNFF resolutions;

The 8th (2009) & 9th (2011) sessions will include reporting on International Year of the Forests (2011) activities

UNFF review process

- For the 9th (2011) and the 11th sessions (2015), analytical consolidated reports will be prepared, based on inputs from:
  - voluntary country reports
  - contributions from CPF members and other relevant organizations
  - relevant regional & sub-regional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes
  - major groups and other stakeholders
- These reports should rely mostly on existing information systems and inputs from other relevant processes,
- The report for the 11th session will also include an assessment of the IAF and the contribution of forests to the internationally agreed Development Goals, including the MDGs;

Type of Reporting

- Non-Legally Binding Instrument:
  - Wide range of issues make qualitative assessment more relevant
- Global Objectives on Forests
  - More scope for quantitative assessment

Reporting on the Global Objectives - linkages with the FRA process

- A wealth of expertise and information available from the FRA process that would be a welcome support to UNFF reporting process
- Timing of the FRA process fits well with the UNFF timeline
  - FRA 2010 could provide information for the UNFF 2011 midterm review.
  - Preliminary results from FRA 2015 could provide information for the UNFF 2015 review.

Potential steps to enhance linkages

- Selection of indicators from existing parameters
- Proposing indicators for areas not covered yet
- Fine-tuning reporting processes to fit emerging needs

Global Objective on Forests

1. Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through SFM, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation;

Global Objective 1

Possible indicators:

- Reverse the loss of forest cover.
  - area, area change for forest and OWL **(T1)**, primary forest, planted forests **(T4)**
  - growing stock **(T6)**, biomass (**T7**) and carbon stock (**T8**) and change
- Increase efforts to prevent forest degradation
  - characteristics of forest, change of characteristics (**T4**)
  - area of degraded forests (**Special study**)

Global Objectives on Forests

2. Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people;

Global Objective 2

- Economic
  - Area of forest designated for production (**T3**)
  - Removal and change of removal of wood products (**T11**)
  - Removal of NWFP (**T12**)
  - Value and change of value of wood and NWFP removals (**T11**, **T12**)
- Social
  - Area of forests designated for social services (**T3**)
  - Employment in forestry (**T13**)
- Environmental
  - Area of forest designated for soil and water conservation (**T3**)
  - Area of forest designated for conservation of biodiversity (**T3**)

Global Objectives on Forests

3. Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide & other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests;

Global Objective 3

Very few globally available indicators for this goal, some possible indicators:

- area of sustainably managed forests (**T3**)
- area of forests with designated functions (**T3**)
- Area of protected forests (**T3**)
- Proportion of products from sustainably managed forests (??)

Global Objectives on Forests

4. Reverse the decline in ODA for SFM and mobilize significantly increased new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management.

Global Objective 4

- There are no globally available indicators for this goal
- Indicators needed for
  - Amount of ODA for forestry
  - Amount of new and additional resources for SFM

Possible Strategies

- Consider which of current FRA indicators could be used for Global Objectives
- Consider whether existing indicators used by other processes (ie MCPFE or Montreal Process) might be appropriate to use at global level

Challenges

Issue of qualitative assessment: description of "voluntary national measures policies, actions or specific goals" related to the GOFs

- type/legal source (*is it a policy, law, nfp, strategy, DG*)
- time frame (if applicable)
- short description (*general description, provisions relevant to GOF1*)
- experiences with implementation

Key messages

- No new additional reporting structures/processes/mechanisms
- National correspondents are invited to consider these issues in their work – these challenges are also opportunities
- An opportunity for the forest resources community to build on the political commitment embodied in the GOFs and NLBI – by showcasing progress in these areas

Thank you

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