UNFF Strategic Work Plan on Forest Financing

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Background on Forest Finance

- 17 years of intense debate
- Major breakthrough... adoption of the NLBI (forest instrument) and the GOFs
- UNFF9 Special Session resolution on means of implementation; a strategic path to forest financing
- Two significant mechanisms established
  - Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group (AHEG)
  - Facilitative Process (FP)
New Vision on Forests

- Cross-cutting approach to forests including MDGs
- Multi-sectoral approach, involving forest and non-forest sectors
- Full involvement of all
- Resources from all sources
- Solid decision in 2013 based on solid assessments & full understanding by Member States

A Decision Based on Solid Assessments

- In depth assessments of forest financing at the national, regional and international levels is crucial to enable the AHEG to make proposals
- Assessments by countries, FP, CPF, regional processes, major groups, independent experts...
- Ongoing process throughout the four-years
- Assessments should present a clear picture on thematic and geographical gaps
Key Developments, Key Players

Will:
- Identify in detail the gaps, obstacles and opportunities in forest financing starting with LFCCs, SIDS, and thereby,
  - facilitate transfer of technologies and capacity building including for development of national forest financing strategies
  - improve the enabling environment for SFM, and enhance coordination among relevant funding sources mechanisms
  - facilitate mobilization of new and additional resources, and enhance the effective use of existing resources
- Function as a bottom-up process whose focus is on collecting and analyzing data
- Serve as a data gathering and analytical process, not as a funding mechanism
- Go beyond the forestry sector to include all sectoral and cross-sectoral forest financing
Facilitative Process (2)

Activities

- The FP has begun, utilizing DFID and GEF funds, and focused on SIDS and LFCC countries financing
- First phase is in-depth analytical papers on the finance obstacles, opportunities and mechanisms
- The subsequent FP workshops will invite SIDS and LFCC member state representatives, experts, donors and stakeholders to review the findings analyses
- Depending on additional funding, the FP can serve as a vehicle to provide more in-depth analyses to inform the Forum on forest financing (e.g., REDD+ and its impacts on SFM financing)

Facilitative Process (3)

Contributing to:

- **AHEG** through providing data and analyses as background information for AHEG’s 1 and 2
- **UNFF9, UNFF10** through reports on the results of the work
- **CPF** through providing input to the CPF agencies on obstacles and opportunities for financing forests
- **Donors** through informing them where are the real gaps and needs
UNFF Strategic Work Plan on Forest Financing

- Covers the periods before AHEG-1, between AHEG-1 and 2, (and potentially between AHEG-2 and UNFF10)
- Facilitates full implementation of the Resolution based on the new vision of UNFF
- Advances planning for events, documentation, effective coordination...
- Anticipates the roles, responsibilities and inputs of countries, the FP, CPF, regional processes, major groups, independent experts...

Provides the necessary ingredients to UNFF10 for a lasting solution to forest financing

pre-AHEG-1 activities (1)

- Substantive input on forest financing experiences, needs, opportunities and challenges from regional processes and CPF member organizations, major groups...
- Voluntary contributions of country case studies for AHEG-1 on forest financing (from South and North)
pre AHEG-1 activities (2)

- Identification of Co-Chairs
- Secretariat Note
- FP initial analyses
- Informal brainstorming among regional processes in NY
- Briefing for NY Missions

AHEG-1: Method of Work & Participation

- 13-17 Sep. 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya
- AHEGS are open-ended, however travel support will be for designated experts on a first come, first served basis
- AHEG-1 will be organized in plenary sessions and workshops
- AHEG-1 includes a number of panels
- Panelists, depending on the topic, from governments, CPF, regional processes, private sector, major groups...
Main topics for discussion in AHEG-1

- Forest financing experiences, analyses: national, regional, international
- Forest financing actions at national, regional, and international levels
- Forest financing & MDGs
- The role of non-forest sectors and institutions on forest financing
- Some features of forest financing strategy (ies) and mechanisms

Main outcomes of the AHEG-1 (Co-Chairs’ Summary)

- Analyses of actions at national, regional and international levels, needs, constraints..., presented at AHEG-1
- Further proposed actions that have to be taken at all levels to promote forest financing including:
  - Areas requiring further analysis, data and consultations
  - Recommendation on intersessional work for a Decision by UNFF9 (tasking the MS, UNFFS, FP, CPF...)
- Some features of eventual forest financing strategy (ies) and mechanisms
Main objectives of the intersessional activities (between AHEG1 and 2)

- Deepen common understanding among countries through further elaboration of areas, issues and topics identified in AHEG-1
- Further address the information gap on forest financing
- Explore the potential national, regional and international actions and strategy (ies) for SFM financing,
- Identify actions and strategy (ies) that still need further consultation
- Develop new alliances that link to fast-track forest financing

UNFF-9

- UNFF9 Decision on:
  1. Intersessional work and AHEG-2 preparation (FP, CPF, UNFFS...)
  2. HLS (focus on IYF, forest financing, and Rio+20)*

* There will be separate briefing by the UNFFS on the preparation for the UNFF9 including for the HLS and the IYF
Between UNFF9 and the AHEG-2...

- Possible CLI, RLI, OLI (s) to further discuss issues raised by AHEG-1
- Further implementation of the FP taking into account guidance from UNFF9:
  - GEF/DFID project
  - FP’s possible undertakings on providing new analyses and inputs for the AHEG and the Forum (subject to provision of financial support)

...between UNFF9 and the AHEG-2

- CPF analysis on the state of forest financing
- Informal consultation by the Co-Chairs (possible intersessional meeting)
- Submission of concrete proposals by Member States
- UNFFS Note containing proposed forest financing option(s)
AHEG-2

- Make a real change and be recognized as a win-win solution for all
- Adopt concrete strategy (ies) with the identification of required means and resources
- Further strengthen cooperation and coordination among CPF
- Provide critical input to the 2015 review of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAFs)
- Contribute to achieving the MDGs

UNFF10 Decision on SFM financing should...
Thank you!

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