

## **Indicative Elements of a Voluntary International Instrument to Promote the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of all Types of Forests.**

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### **Preamble/Context/Scope**

- Recognition of global, regional and national importance of forests, sustainable development and poverty alleviation
- Political commitment to collectively address unsustainable rates of deforestation, protect forest biodiversity, meet human needs for forest products and services and enhance livelihoods associated with sustainable forest management
- Sovereign rights and responsibilities of Nations in respect of forests
- Relationship of instrument to UNCED Forest Principles, IPF and IFF proposals for action, UNFF mandate and decisions.
- Relationship to other international instruments relevant to forests
- Scope of Instrument

### **Shared Global Goals**

- Insert the text from the UNFF-6 report.

### **General/Global Principles of Sustainable Forest Management**

- Balancing social, economic and environmental aspects of forest management
- Key principles for each of the seven themes for sustainable forest management
- Rights of Indigenous People
- Equitable sharing of benefits
- Role of Native Forests and Plantations
- Use of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management
- Role of Forest Certification Schemes
- Provision of Information
- Role of Research and Development
- Responsible International Trade

### **National Policies**

- Commitment to identify and implement relevant strategies and actions at the national level to contribute to attainment of global goals
- Commitment to develop and implement a National Forest Programme or equivalent
- Commitment to effective cross-sectoral planning and co-ordination on issues that affect forests
- Commitment to work with relevant stakeholders to progress sustainable forest management
- Commitment to assess and implement relevant intergovernmental decisions on forests including the IPF/IFF Proposals for Action and decisions of UNFF
- Commitment to create a stable enabling environment to attract capital for the forest sector
- Commitment to implement effective forest law and governance processes

- Commitment to monitor, assess and report progress nationally and internationally under a harmonized global monitoring, assessment and reporting framework
- Commitment to participate in global and regional UNFF processes
- Commitment to facilitate international cooperation and assistance for forest related programs
- Commitment not to facilitate trade in forest products derived from illegal harvesting

### **Means of Implementation**

- Roles of governments and stakeholders
- National mechanisms to generate resources for sustainable forest management
- Public-private sector partnerships
- International co-operation and assistance
- Other international funding mechanisms
- Regional co-operation and input to UNFF processes
- Capacity Building
- Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies
- Special requirements for developing countries, countries with economies in transition and low forest cover countries
- International mechanisms to facilitate better exchanges of experiences and good practices
- International mechanisms to address global issues such as the trade in illegally sourced forest products

### **Institutional Modalities**

- Roles of global and regional UNFF processes
- Involvement of major groups
- Role of UNFF Secretariat
- Engagement with and facilitation of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests
- Harmonization of Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting processes
- Mechanisms to enhance co-ordination of international initiatives and programmes that affect forests
- Review of International Arrangement on Forests and Voluntary Instrument in 2015

### **Adoption of Instrument**