

## **ZIMBABWE**

### **Summary of Submission by Zimbabwe**

Because of its length (43 pages) and the related cost of translation, the submission by Zimbabwe has been summarized in this paper. The full text of the initial submission is available on the website of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

The proposal provided by Zimbabwe relates more closely to its proposal for a national Forestry Code. However, it contains a number of elements pertinent to the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests that are relevant to the development of a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests. Zimbabwe's proposed Forestry Code bases itself on the outcomes of the International Forest Policy Dialogue undertaken by the Forum. It highlights the importance that the Dialogue has had in the development of national forest programmes or their equivalent. Key elements for Zimbabwe that emanate from the work of the UNFF, which are reflected in its work at the national level and which are relevant to a non-legally binding instrument include:

- The Global Objectives on Forests agreed to at the sixth session of the UNFF;
- The IPF/IFF proposals for action as building blocks for addressing national forestry priorities and strengthening national forest programmes;
- Streamlining the IPF/IFF proposals for action to facilitate their implementation at the national level;
- Stakeholder participation in national forest programmes;
- The promotion of cross-sectoral and multi-disciplinary collaboration;
- Raising public awareness of IPF/IFF and UNFF processes and outcomes;
- Promoting capacity-building in developing countries;
- Inadequate financial resources for implementing sustainable forest management;
- Monitoring and assessment of forest resources;
- Substantive areas of particular importance: extent of forest resources; forest biological diversity; forest health and vitality; productive and protective functions of forests; socio-economic functions of forests; and policy, legal and institutional framework; and
- Forestry Research