

**Country - Led Initiative
in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

**“Multi Year Programme of Work of United Nations Forum on
Forests: Charting the Way Forward to 2015”**

**International Expert Meeting
Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia
13-16 February 2007**

CONCEPT PAPER

BACKGROUND

The Sixth Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF-6) held in February 2006 decided on a number of means to strengthen the international arrangement on forest that includes:

- 1) Agreeing on four global objectives on forests;
- 2) Extending the mandate of the UNFF until 2015;
- 3) Adding three new additional functions to UNFF;
- 4) Adoption of an NLBI at UNFF-7;
- 5) UNFF to continue playing a central role in international collaboration on forests including guidance to CPF;
- 6) Strengthen regional interactions.

Furthermore, it was also decided that UNFF would work through a new focused Multi-Year Programme of Work until 2015.

While it is recognized that UNFF-6 has provided a sound basis for developing MYPOW for the period until 2015, further preparatory work could help enrich the development of MYPOW by facilitating country perspectives and allowing for more extensive discussions on the matter. However, prior to UNFF-7, preparatory work on MYPOW has not been scheduled to take place.

In light of UNFF-6 decisions, and considering that a process has already been outlined for the NLBI that includes a timeline for additional proposals and/or comments from member States on indicative elements of the instrument and an open-ended ad hoc working group to discuss and draft a framework of the “instrument” to be considered at UNFF-7, a Country Led Initiative (CLI) to outline the draft elements of MYPOW will be organized by the Government of Indonesia with support of the Government of Federal Republic of Germany and other potential donor countries/organisations that are still being approached.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the meeting is to contribute to the work and success of UNFF-7 in particular to explore, elaborate and develop broader understanding of the concept

and elements of the new MYPOW of UNFF with a view to help facilitate the discussion for consideration and adoption at UNFF-7. Taking into account outcomes of the ad-hoc Working Group meeting in December 2006 and subject to a final decision by the Steering Committee, the following topics are tentatively proposed:

1. Multi-year programme of work: consideration of new realities (i.a global objectives) and identification of structure and key components;
2. Exploring ways to strengthen global-regional interactions in IAF: how to incorporate this dimension in new MYPOW;
3. Linkage between NLBI and UNFF and implications for the MYPOW;
4. Means of implementation.

OUTPUTS

Recommendations to UNFF-7 regarding the structure and substance of MYPOW, with substantive issues for each session of UNFF, including:

1. A workable inter-linkage between NLBI and MYPOW;
2. Strengthen the regional dimension of IAF through the MYPOW;
3. Approaches to accomplish global objectives on forests and new principal functions of IAF.

WORKING METHOD

The CLI meeting will be divided into plenary and breakout sessions.

Working language of the meeting will be **English**.

DATE, VENUE AND DURATION

There will be four working days, from 13 to 16 February 2007 in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia.

PARTICIPANTS

The Workshop would be open to all countries' experts and major groups participating in their personal capacity.

To have a workable size the co-hosts expect countries to nominate not more than 2 participants per country to attend the meeting. It is requested that the countries nominate participants with expertise in the issues of forest and international development policies.

The Secretariat and the Bureau of UNFF-7, CPF member organisations, other forest-related multilateral organisations (international and regional) as well as the UNFF major groups, are also invited to participate in the meeting.

A total of 130-150 participants are expected to participate.

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All CLI related information including registration forms, program of work and background documents will soon be available at a website of the meeting at <http://www.dephut.go.id>, with a link to the UNFF website.

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