

Recent Developments in the United Nations Forum on Forests

Symposium on Sustainable Forest Management
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Milestones of 2007

Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests

Bali Action Plan

Declaration on Climate Change, Energy Security And Clean Development



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General Assembly

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the Second Committee (A/62/419 (Part I))]

62/98. Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/49 of 28 July 2006, in



Purpose of the NLBI



- (a) To strengthen political commitment and action at all levels to implement SFM and to achieve the Global objectives on forests;
- (b) To enhance the contribution of forests to the achievement of the IADGs, including the MDGs, in particular with respect to poverty eradication and environmental sustainability;
- (c) To provide a framework for national action and international cooperation.



Global Objectives on Forests

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

Global Objective 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 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



Emerging synergies

Global Objective 1:

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

Action Agenda on Forest:

- Agree to work to achieve a regional aspirational goal of increasing forest cover in the APEC region by at least 20 million hectares of all types of forests by 2020.



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UNFF8 (2009): Forests in a changing environment



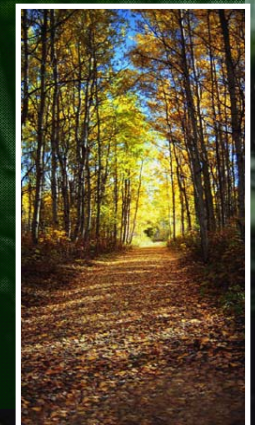
UNFF9 (2009): Forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication;
International Year of Forests



UNFF10 (2009): Forests and economic development



UNFF11 (2009): Review and future options

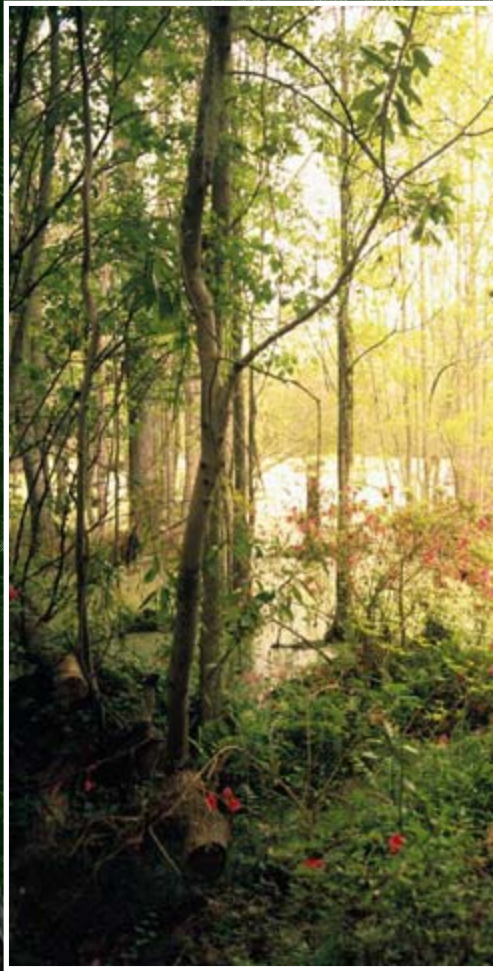




Inter-sessional activities

Country- and Region-Led Initiatives in support of the UNFF

- Australian – Swiss Region-Led Initiative (RLI) on regional input in support of the UN Forum on Forests , January 2008, Geneva
- Workshop on Forest Governance and Decentralization in Africa, a South African-Swiss Country-Led Initiative (CLI) in Support of the UN Forum on Forests April 2008, Durban
- International Dialogue on Financing Sustainable Forest Management; a Country-Led Initiative (CLI) led by Suriname, the Netherlands and the United States of America, in Support of the UN Forum on Forests, September 2008, Paramaribo





Regional and sub-regional inputs

A screenshot of a web browser window displaying a table of regional and sub-regional inputs for the UN Forum on Forests. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.un.org/esa/forests/gov-unff.html>. The table is organized into four columns: a description of the initiative, the organizing government, the forum name, and the location and dates. The first row details the Australian-Swiss Region-Led Initiative (RLI) on regional input in support of the UN Forum on Forests, organized by the Australian Government, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and the Swiss Government, Federal Office for the Environment. The forum is UNFF8, held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 28-30 January 2008. The table also includes links for a meeting report, presentations, agenda, announcement, concept note, thematic outline, and background paper in English, French, and Spanish.

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International Workshop on: Forest Governance and Decentralisation in Africa

A Country Lead Initiative in Support of the United Nations Forum on Forests UNFF

Durban, South Africa

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Welcome to the Forest Governance Workshop 2008 Website

At the closing plenary of UNFF 7 the Governments of South Africa and Switzerland announced a country-led initiative in support of the UNFF, the Workshop on Forest Governance and Decentralization in Africa.

The initiative will be co-sponsored by South Africa, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Norway, the United States of America, Germany, and Finland. Technical support is provided by the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and INTERCOOPERATION a Foundation for Development and International Cooperation based in Switzerland.

Organizers: Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, Republic of South Africa and Federal Office for the Environment, Swiss Confederation

<http://www.turnersconferences.com/conferences/forestgovernance/index.asp>



Country Led Initiative Suriname

an international dialogue



Country-Led Initiative on Financing for Sustainable Forest Management in support of the UN Forum on Forests
8 - 12 September 2008, Paramaribo - Suriname

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Welcome to the website of the Country-Led Initiative on Financing for Sustainable Forest Management; an International Dialogue in support of the UNFF.

Country-led initiatives in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests provide valuable expert input to the work of the Forum by promoting dialogue on complex and politically sensitive issues concerning forests.



New species found in Suriname
[June 2007]



Central Suriname Nature Reserve:
[Link to documentation overview](#)

<http://www.clisuriname.com/smartcms/default.asp>



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Forests in a changing environment

- Forests and climate change
- Reversing the loss of forest cover, preventing forest degradation in all types of forests and combating desertification, including in LFCCs
- Forests and biodiversity conservation, including protected areas

Means of Implementation for SFM

- Decision on a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Framework



CPF Advisory Group on Finance



Tasks: „Map” existing and emerging resources vis a vis provisions of the NLBI; help develop proposals for SFM finance
Support the preparations for the AHEG meeting in Vienna, 10-14 November



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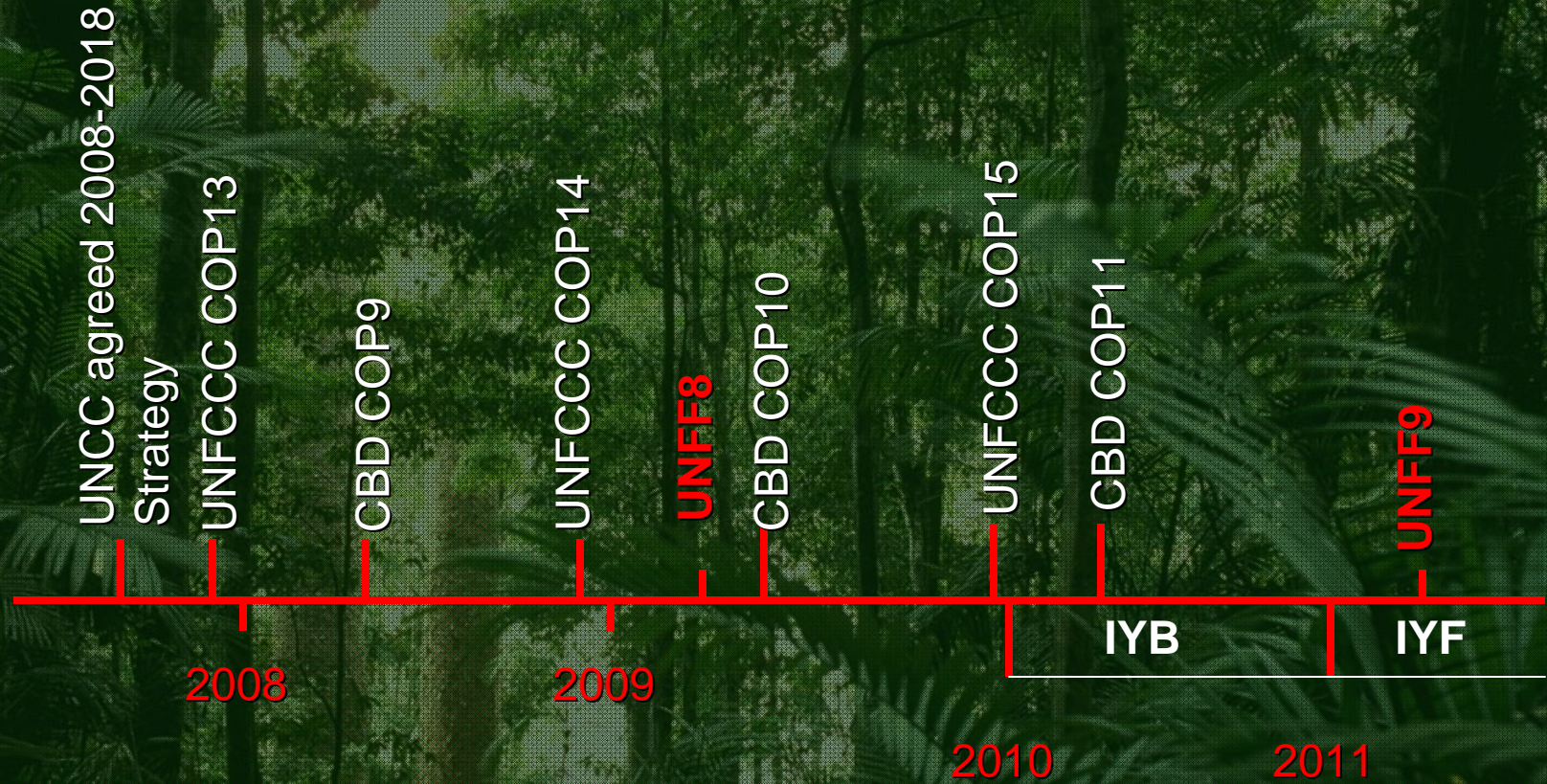
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Relevance of the UNFF 8





Preparations for UNFF8



- 23 documents to be prepared – the largest number ever
- Cooperation with CPF members
- Web-forums to gather input from multi-stakeholders
- Request for information from Member States
- Request for information from regional entities



Enhanced cooperation



- CPF Strategy meeting in February 2008
- Decision to re-vitalize existing initiatives (e.g. Streamlining reporting) and starting new ones:
 - Work on forest finance
 - CPF Strategic Framework for Forests and Climate Change
 - Support to forest law enforcement and governance processes
 - Support to effective use of technical and scientific knowledge in international forest-related processes
 - Science-technology Initiative: expert panel on adaptation



**Thank you for
your attention!**

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