



## **Strengthening Regional Interaction in Addressing the Main Task and Thematic Issues of the UNFF (2007-2015)**

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## **Overview**

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- **UNFF's Regional Component**
  - **Regional and sub-regional Collaboration and Interaction**
    - Links to UNFF 6 & UNFF 7
    - Input & Dialogue on Forum Issues
    - Intersession Activities
  - **Potential Contributions**
  - **UNFF 8: What's Ahead**



## UNFF Regional Component



### Regional – Global Interaction

- Regional Panel Events and Workshops
- Prepare for UNFF negotiations
- Civil society engagement
- Accreditation of regional entities
- Information exchange & awareness building

### Outcome of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> sessions

- Stronger mandate for the Forum
- Gearing UNFF discussions towards sharing regional and sub-regional experiences and activities



## UNFF 6: Regional Focus

### ECOSOC Resolution 2006/49



- **Additional Principal Function on stronger interaction between UNFF and regional/ subregional entities**
  - To enhance cooperation & implementation
  - To contribute to the Forum's work
- **4 Global Objectives on Forests (GoF)**
- **Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (NLBI)**
- **International Year of Forests 2011**



## UNFF 6: Regional Focus to achieve the Global Objectives on Forests



- **Enhanced cooperation and cross-sectoral coordination**

**Cooperation and partnerships for:**

- Support & Capacity Building;
- Regional strategies;
- Implementation plans & activities;
- Experiences & lessons learned;

- **Working modalities**

Raise awareness

Regional Inputs and Perspectives



## UNFF 7: Regional matters vis-à-vis the NLBI and MYPOW (2007-2015)



- **Non-legally binding instrument**

- Framework for National Action and International Cooperation  
(6 on regional action)

- **New multi-year programme of work** \*Sessions in every two years

- Implementation of GoFs, NLBI, SFM
- Specific overall thematic elements
- Multi-stakeholder dialogues
- Cross-sectoral policy coordination
- Regional inputs and dialogue
- Emerging issues



## Thematic focus of future Sessions



- **UNFF8 in 2009** – *Environmental focus*
  - Forests & Climate Change
  - Loss of forest cover, forest degradation, desertification / LFCCs
  - Forests & Biodiversity
- *Means of Implementation focus*
  - Funding mechanism
- **UNFF9 in 2011** – *Social focus*
  - International Year of Forests
  - High-level Ministerial Segment
- **UNFF10 in 2013** – *Economic focus*
- **UNFF11 in 2015** – *Review focus*
  - High-level Ministerial Segment



## Intersessional Activities: 1<sup>st</sup> RLI 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of the Forum 2008/2009



- **RLI: evolving and ongoing approach on regional input**
- **Intersessional coordination: prepare for Forum sessions**
- **Bottom up focus on:**
  - How to support preparations on regional inputs?
  - How to learn from other regions? Innovative regional approaches?
  - Contribution from regional processes and from the Forum?



## Potential Regional Contributions



- Regional and sub-regional inputs on agenda items & issues
- Emerging & urgent issues
- Gaps & constraints
- Platform for dialogue & exchange
- Partnerships, synergies & joint activities
- High-Level Segments
- Information systems: C&I
- Intersessional activities



## UNFF's contribution to the Regions



### Forum: Member States

- Action plans
- Region-led initiatives (RLI) for UNFF9
- Cross-sectoral Integration in NFPs
- Information access and sharing

### Bureau and Secretariat

- Secretary General's Report
- Consultation processes & discussions
- Technical support for collective activities
- Outreach and communication: IYF & public awareness
- Web-based regional information on SFM
- Timeline for inputs



## UNFF 8: Looking ahead



- Links to Rio Conventions
- Decision on funding arrangement
- Range of regional meetings
- CPF Retreat and Activities
- Major Groups Consultations
- 2 Country Led Initiatives
- More interactions, less negotiations expected



## Thank You

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