

Strengthening Regional Interaction in Addressing the UNFF's Thematic Issues: Outcomes of the UNFF7 session

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Outline



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- Outcomes of the sixth and seventh sessions
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United Nations Forum on Forests



- To promote sustainable forest management
- To advance international cooperation
- Universal membership



UNFF6 (Feb 2006)



- 3 new principal functions to existing 6
- One specifically on stronger regional focus
- Global Objectives on Forests
- Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests
- International Year of Forests



UNFF 7



- 16-27 April 2007, New York
- Non-legally binding instrument
- New multi-year programme of work (2007-2015)



Non-legally binding instrument



- framework for national action and international cooperation
- specific regional elements



Multi-year programme of work (2007-2015)



- Sessions in every two years
- Focus on implementation of GoFs and NLBI
- Specific overall thematic elements for each session
- Multi-stakeholder dialogues
- Cross-sectoral policy coordination
- Specific regional elements



MYPOW at a glance



- **UNFF8 in 2009** – environmental and 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
 - High-level Ministerial Segment



Regional aspect in MYPOW



- Each session has **regional and sub-regional inputs** as a new common agenda item:
 - platform for dialogue and exchange of experiences etc.
- To address topical issues of the Forum sessions and to provide summaries of deliberations
- To contribute to the Forum deliberations
- To participate at the High-Level Segments in 2011 & 2015
- To form partnerships to develop synergies and joint activities



Additional opportunities for regional contributions



- To provide suggestions in the preparation of Forum sessions
- To contribute to the S-G's analytical reports on overall progress for UNFF9 (2011) and UNFF11 (2015)
- To share information on the International Year of the Forests
- A new development: “**region-led initiatives**”



Looking ahead



- New funding arrangement expected
- Renewed political commitment at national, regional and international levels
- More interactions, less negotiations expected



ASEAN's potential role



- in implementation of the NLBI
- in placing stronger emphasis on global-regional interactions and partnerships
- In providing focused inputs



Thank You

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