



**UNFF**  
**Present Situation and Perspectives**

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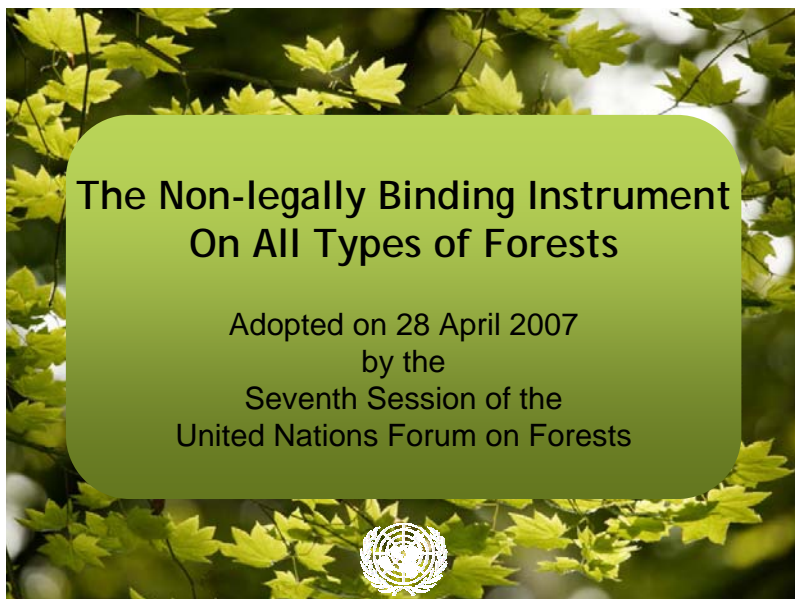
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**Main achievements of UNFF 7**




- . **Non-legally Binding Instrument on all types of forests-NLBI**
- . **Multi-year programme of work-MYPOW**
- . **Ad Hoc Expert Group on a Finance Mechanism**



**The Non-legally Binding Instrument  
On All Types of Forests**

Adopted on 28 April 2007  
by the  
Seventh Session of the  
United Nations Forum on Forests



**ECOSOC Resolution  
on the outcome of UNFF 7**



*Recommends* to the General Assembly that it adopt the draft resolution contained in the annex to the UNFF 7 draft resolution, at its sixty-second session;

*Invites* the United Nation Forum on Forests to establish and maintain cooperation with relevant multilateral environmental agreements, instruments, processes and United Nations bodies, relevant international and regional organizations, institutions, and major groups in order to facilitate enhanced cooperation to achieve the purpose of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests;



## 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.



## Principles of NLBI



- Each State responsible for SFM and enforcement of laws
- Participatory and transparent involvement of stakeholders
- Recognition that SFM depends on increased new & additional finance and good governance
- International cooperation crucial to support efforts towards SFM



## 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 Objectives on Forests



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.



## Scope of the NLBI



- . The instrument applies to all types of forests.
- . Sustainable forest management, as a dynamic and evolving concept, aimed to maintain and enhance the economic, social and environmental values of all types of forests, for the benefit of present and future generations.



## Levels of Action



National:

- 25 policies and measures

International cooperation:

- 19 measures



## Key Thematic Areas of the NLBI



- Development and implementation of NFPs or equivalent strategies
- Cross-sectoral policy and programme coordination
- Governance
- Forest law enforcement in line with national legislation
- International trade in forest products
- Stakeholder participation
- Strengthening of Science and research
- Public awareness and education
- Means of implementation, in particular finance.
- Better integration of priorities and programmes of CPF institutions
- Criteria and indicators for SFM
- Monitoring and Assessment of progress of NLBI and Voluntary Reporting (MYPOW)



## Added Values of the NLBI



- Provides more articulated and practical framework for SFM and achievement of GOFs
- Provides more connection between framework for action at country level and GOFs
- Offers platform for coordinating forest-related agreements and processes in existence
- Strengthens the principle of SFM as basic tenet of sustainable development
- Provides a backbone for codes of conduct that may be needed to strengthen the NLBI
- Reinforces the UNFF as global body for deliberations on international forest policy
- Reinforces recognition of the need for financial resources for implementing global forest policy




## Key themes to be addressed in MYPOW 2007-2015




All UNFF sessions until 2015 will address:

- Progress in achieving the four Global Objectives on Forests.
- Progress in implementing the Non-legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests.
- Cross-cutting issues: Mol and FLEG in the context of themes.
- Common Agenda Items: GOFs, NLBI, Regional Inputs, Multi-stakeholder dialogue, enhanced cooperation and inputs from CPF.



## UNFF 8 (2009)



### 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



## UNFF 9 (2011)



### Forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication; International Year of Forests

- Community based forest management
- Social development and Indigenous and other local and forest dependent communities, including forest land tenure
- Social and cultural aspects
- **SG Report on Overall Progress on NLBI and GOFs**



## UNFF 10 (2013)



### Forests and economic development

- Forests products and services
- National forest programmes and other sectoral policies and strategies
- Reducing risks and impacts of disasters
- Benefits of forests and trees to urban communities



## UNFF 11 (2015)




- Review of effectiveness of IAF.
- Review of progress of GOFs and NLBI.
- Reviewing the contribution of Forests to the IAF, the NLBI and the IADGs.
- High Level Segment




## Other Tasks in the MYPOW



- Inter-sessional activities
- Coordination for preparation of the Sessions
- Regional and sub-regional inputs and priorities and enhanced cooperation
- Emerging Issues
- International Year of Forests 2011
- Progress in Implementation of NLBI
- Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting (MAR): NLBI, GOFs, IPF/IFF PfAs, achievement of SFM...




## The Finance and Funding Issue



- UNFF 7 decided to develop and consider, with a view for adoption at UNFF 8 (2009), a voluntary financial mechanism/instrument/ approach to support implementation of SFM, achievement of GOFs and the implementation of the NLBI
- The AHEG on Finance to be held in 2008
- Crucial negotiation involving proposals on mobilization of increased, new and additional resources, existing and emerging innovative approaches, and assessments and reviews of current financial mechanisms



## Intensive process and work leading to the adoption of the finance mechanism



- Technical work: core group on finance, CPF members, development banks, finance experts, CLI on Finance-EU, draft papers for AHEG meeting, report of AHEG, preparation of proposal for mechanism
- Diplomatic/political work: preparation of CLI on Finance-EU; coordination by UNFF Bureau; informal briefings of UN Missions before AHEG meeting, on preparations of proposal for mechanism, and on the preparations for UNFF 8; decision on adoption at UNFF 8.