Main achievements of UNFF 7

- Draft ECOSOC resolution
- Non-legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (NLBI)
- Multi-Year Programme of Work 2007-2015 (MYPOW)
ECOSOC Resolution on the outcome of UNFF 7

- **Recommends** to the GA that it adopt the NLBI;
- **Invites** the UNFF to establish and maintain cooperation to achieve the purpose of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests;
- **Decides** to develop and consider a voluntary global financial mechanism/portfolio approach/forest financing framework.

The Non-legally Binding Instrument On All Types of Forests

- Adopted on 28 April 2007 by UNFF7
- Adopted by ECOSOC at its resumed session on 17 October 2007 as part of the UNFF7 Report
- The Second Committee has before it for its consideration
- Adoption by the General Assembly at its 62th Session
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 the 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 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.

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
- Integration of priorities and programmes of CPF
- Criteria and indicators for SFM
- Monitoring and Assessment and Reporting
Levels of Action

National:
• 25 policies and measures

International:
• 19 measures

The Forum should address, within the context of its multi-year programme of work, the implementation of the instrument

Added Values of the NLBI

• Provides more articulated and practical framework for SFM and achievement of GOFs
• Strengthens the principle of SFM as basic tenet of sustainable development
• Reinforces recognition of the need for financial resources for implementation
• Reinforces the UNFF as global body for deliberations on international forest policy
• Offers platform for coordinating forest-related agreements and processes
• Provides a backbone for any future action that may be needed to strengthen the NLBI
The MYPOW 2007-2015

- The sessions are built around the main pillars of SFM.
- The main tasks for each session:
  - Progress in implementing the NLBI, the IPF/IFF PfA, the UNFF resolutions and achieving the GOF
  - Cross-cutting issues: MoI and FLEG in the context of themes
  - Common agenda items: 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/Forest Financing 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
- High-level segment

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

Inter-sessional activities

• *Ad hoc* expert group meeting
  - AHEG Finance agreed by UNFF7
• CLIs, OLIrs, RLIs
  - CLI Decentralization was announced at UNFF7
  - RLI on regional input was announced at ITTC43
  - Initiative on finance is under consideration
  - Other initiatives are in different phases of consideration
• Coordination for preparation of the Sessions, drawing on:
  - Consultations with Member States
  - Regional and sub-regional bodies
  - CPF members
  - Major Group activities
  - CLIs, OLIrs, RLIs
  - AHEGs, expert consultations and working meetings
Regional and sub-regional inputs
- A new element arising from ECOSOC resolution 2006/49
- Regional bodies are invited to address the issues and agenda items planned for each sessions of the Forum and submit the summary to the Forum Secretariat well in advance of the session
- Regional bodies are encouraged to contribute to the discussions of the Forum sessions
- The SG is requested to prepare a report summarizing the regional input

Emerging issues
- To make the Forum’s work more dynamic and responsive to new issues of global significance
- The Bureau, in consultation with Member States, will decide on the issue for a session, taking into account contributions from
  - CPF members
  - Major Groups
  - Regions and sub-regions
  - The Forum Secretariat
Enhanced cooperation

- The Forum will continue to provide policy guidance to CPF (not to its members)
- Members of the CPF are invited to report on the Partnership’s initiatives and activities and are encouraged to participate actively in the discussions of the Forum
- Partnerships involving multi-stakeholders and relevant forest-related instruments, processes, organizations, as well as members of the CPF will further be encouraged
- Major groups and other stakeholders are encouraged to contribute to and participate in the Forum’s discussions

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- Strong information need of the Forum arising from the main task of considering progress and sharing experiences
- Member States should, on a voluntary basis, submit national reports to the Forum
- CPF members are invited to continue harmonizing reporting processes
- In 2011 and 2015 the SG is requested to prepare, in collaboration and cooperation with FAO, analytical consolidated reports

Proposed activities
- Develop/choose indicators for the GOF and NLBI
- Strengthen activities within the CPF Joint Initiative on Streamlining Reporting
- Strengthen cooperation with C&I and other relevant regional processes
The road to UNFF8

- The work on MoI
  - Setting up a core team of relevant CPF members
  - Review and assessment of existing mechanisms
  - Development of the different concepts
  - Support to the envisaged CLI
  - Preparations for the AHEG
  - Preparation of the SG Report on finance
  - Preparation of the SG Report on MoI

- The work on the overall themes
  - In cooperation with relevant CPF members
  - Preparation of the SG Reports on biodiversity, climate change and deforestation

The road to UNFF8 (cont.)

- Consideration of progress
  - Development of reporting guidelines
  - Collection of information from all sources
  - Strengthen activities of the Joint CPF Initiative
  - In cooperation with relevant CPF members
  - Prepare the SG report and a Secretariat note

- Consideration of cross-cutting issues
  - In cooperation with relevant CPF members
  - Preparation of the Note on forest governance, illegal forest-related practices and related trade
The road to UNFF8 (cont.)

• Consideration of common items
  – Liaise actively with regional bodies
  – Collect input from regions and sub-regions
  – Prepare the SG report
  – Assist Major Groups to prepare their input
  – In cooperation with CPF members prepare
    • SG report on EC
    • CPF Framework

Thank you!

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