Information on the organization of work of the UNFF9 High Level Ministerial Segment  
(2 and 3 February 2011, New York)

The High Level Ministerial Segment of the UNFF9 will be held on 2 and 3 February 2011 (Wednesday and Thursday). The High Level Segment includes the following components:

2 February 2011 (9:30 a.m. -1 p.m.)

Opening of the High Level Segment: Special programme for the official launch of the International Year of Forests

The launch of Forests 2011 will feature a programme of high level speakers, the premiere of the short film “FOREST” directed by Mr. Yann Arthus-Bertrand, and film clips from the winning entries of the International Forest Film Festival. The President of the General Assembly will preside over the opening session of the High Level Segment and the launch of the IYF

High level Speakers

- H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss, President of the 65th session of the UN General Assembly
- Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon - video message on the International Year of Forests, 2011
- H.E. Mr. Božidar Pankretić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Regional Development, Forests and Water Management, Croatia
- Official emissary of President Paul Kagame, H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi, Minister of Environment and Lands, Rwanda
- Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General of Economic and Social Affairs
- H.E. Mr. Juan Manuel Gómez-Robledo Verduzco, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
- Mr. Tom Rosser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service, International Model Forest Network
- Professor Elinor Ostrom, 2009 Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences
- Professor Wangari Maathai, 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
- Ms. Jan McAlpine, Director, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat
- Mr. Yann Arthus-Bertrand, International Filmmaker
- Ms. Lisa Samford, International Forest Film Festival (IFFF)
- Mrs. Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Ms. Julia Marton-Lefèvre, Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Mr. Felix Finkbeiner, presenting “Felix & Friends”, a Plant-for-the-Planet Children’s Initiative

Film components – film clips will be interspersed throughout the programme.

- Premiere of “Forest” film by Mr. Yann Arthus-Bertrand
- Forests 2011 logo animation and promotional video
- 11 film clips of International Forest Film Festival (IFFF) winners
2 February 2011 (3-6 p.m.)

A. High Level Roundtable 1: Forests for people
B. High Level Roundtable 2: Finance for forest-dependant communities

The discussions during round table 1 and roundtable 2 will be facilitated, respectively, by Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, Senior Fellow, United Nations Foundation and Former CEO, Global Environment Facility (GEF), and Ambassador Ana Maria Sampaio Fernandez, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations Office in Nairobi. Ministers and other heads of delegations are strongly encouraged to have interactive discussion under the topic of the round table. Prepared country statements, however, are limited to 3 minutes for individual and pre-registered Member States and five minutes for the representatives of the regional political groups. A chairman’s summary of the main issues and ideas highlighted throughout the discussions in the round table will be prepared and included in the final report of the Session.

3 February 2011 (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

A. High Level Roundtable 3: Forest +: A Cross-sectoral, cross-institutional approach
B. High Level Roundtable 4: Forests and Rio+20

The discussions during round table 3 and roundtable 4 will be facilitated, respectively, by Ambassador Zainol Rahim Zainuddin, and Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State-United States. Ministers and other heads of delegations are strongly encouraged to have interactive discussion under the topic of the round table. Prepared country statements, however, are limited to 3 minutes for individual and pre-registered Member States and five minutes for the representatives of the regional political groups. A chairman’s summary of the main issues and ideas highlighted throughout the discussions in the round table will be prepared and included in the final report of the Session.

3 February 2011 (3-5 p.m.) Room 2, NL Building

High Level Dialogue with Heads of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests member organizations (CPF Panel)

The discussions during this high level panel will be facilitated by Mr. Zukang Sha, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations (UNDESA). All members of the CPF, including its Chair, will make remarks on three themes: a) Promoting Forests 2011; b) Forest finance and the implementation of the UN NLBI on All Types of Forests and achievement of the GOFs; and c) Forests and Rio+20. The discussion will continue with an interactive dialogue among Ministers and the Heads of CPF member organizations. A Chairman’s summary highlighting the key points of the discussion will be included in the final report of the ninth session.

3 February 2011 (5-6 p.m.)

Adoption of Ministerial Declaration and Message to the Rio+20, and conclusion of HLS

Ministers and heads of delegation will review draft ministerial declaration and message to the Rio+20 Conference, which is negotiated and agreed upon earlier among delegations, and will
conclude the work of the high level segment after the adoption of the Declaration. This part of the session will be chaired by the UNFF9 Chairman.