



CONCEPT NOTE

UNFF13 Panel Discussion on Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting

Wednesday 9 May 2018, 10:00 a.m.

I. Introduction

ECOSOC Resolution 2015/33 on the International Arrangement on Forests beyond 2015 stipulated a number of actions related to monitoring, assessment and reporting, including a request to the UNFF Secretariat to propose a new cycle and format for voluntary national reporting to the Forum, for the Forum's consideration at its twelfth session. The Forum requested that this cycle and format be developed in consultation with Member States, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its members, and criteria and indicators processes.

UNFF 12 reviewed the draft format for voluntary national reporting presented to the Forum and requested the UNFF Secretariat (UNFFS) to pilot test the draft format with interested members and revise it in consultation with Member States. UNFFS conducted pilot test between June and September 2017 and, organized an expert group meeting on reporting to UNFF (21 - 23 November 2017, Nairobi, Kenya). The reporting format was revised in accordance with comments and recommendations received in the pilot test and provided by experts during the Nairobi meeting.

According to Resolution 12/1 Paragraph 3, the Forum at its thirteenth session, should consider under agenda item 4, the cycle and format for the first voluntary national reporting to the Forum, taking into account the work on forest indicators, relevant reporting cycles and the need to reduce reporting burdens, as well as potential communication products from such reporting.

II. Objective

The objective of the panel discussion is to provide additional background information and prepare ground for discussion under agenda Item 4. It is expected that under this agenda item the Forum will consider: i) the revised reporting format, ii) cycle for voluntary reporting to the Forum, iii) global core set of forest-related indicators and iv) proposal on the production of the "flagship study" in 2021. More detailed information on the above mentioned issues is contained in Note by Secretariat¹.

III. Scope of the Discussion

To make utmost use of the panel, it is suggested that the discussions and presentations focus on the following areas: (a) format and cycle for reporting (b) global core set of forest related indicators (c) use of information submitted to UNFFS.

V. Modality

The discussion will be facilitated by a moderator who will invite panelists to provide their views and inputs before opening the floor to for interactive discussion. Representatives of Member States of the Forum are strongly encouraged to engage in interactive discussion. Due to interactive nature of the discussion, there will be no need to prepare statements prior to the start of the discussion.

¹ <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N18/050/82/PDF/N1805082.pdf?OpenElement>



VI. Moderator and Panelists

Moderator: Ms. Maureen Whelan, Canada Forest Service

Panelists: Ms. Davia Carty (Jamaica), Mr. Patrick Kariuki (Kenya), FAO/CPF(TBD)