

Report on the outcomes of the Expert Meeting on the contribution of the GFFFN to the implementation of UNSPF

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Background

- **To facilitate discussion of the UNFF13 on:**
 - (a) Progress on the activities and the operation of the GFFFN;
 - (b) Guidelines for the operation of the GFFFN; and
 - (c) Measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the GFFFN.
- **Expert Meeting**
- Organizers: UNFFS & National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China, IUCN
- Date and location: 6-8 March, 2018, Chengdu, China
- Participation: 50 participants from 24 countries, 4 international organizations and two major group representatives



Objectives

- Based on a draft Doc.
- To discuss possible elements for guidelines for the operation of the GFFFN;
- To discuss possible measures to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the GFFFN;
- To make proposals on the above for consideration by UNFF13.



Key outcomes

Co-chairs summary:

- Proposed Guidelines for the Operation of the GFFFN
- Proposed measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the GFFFN

Proposed Guidelines for the Operation of the GFFN --- 11 elements

1. Purpose and Priorities----4 priorities as mandated by the Forum
2. Principles----5, balanced, transparent, consistency with UN
3. Management----under the management of UNFFs
4. Eligibility----developing countries or countries with economics in transition, special consideration given to Africa, the least developed
5. Procedures----submit request to UNFFs, from Ministers of diplomatic
6. Partnerships----UNFFs develop partnership with many organizations.

Proposed Guidelines for the Operation of the GFFN

- ▶ 7. Clearing house----link with existing related database, UNFCCC REDD + database
- ▶ 8. Funding and resource mobilization----sufficient financial, technical and human
- ▶ 9. Reporting and Communication---annual report to the Forum on activities
- ▶ 10. Follow up and evaluation of GFFN activities----UNFFs will monitor and assess performance
- ▶ 11. Review of the Guidelines----Forum review the Guideline 2024




Proposed measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the GFFN---5 elements

1. National forest financing strategies

UNFFs could:

- Develop a generic guide for elaboration of NFPs
- Develop a modular training package for NFFs or NFPs
- Enhance capacity building and specific technical support




Proposed measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the GFFN---5 elements

2. Support to resource mobilization at programme and project level

The UNFFs could:

- Shorten the response time to request
- Develop follow-up advisory support to assist countries in subsequent submission
- Set up a feedback mechanism for lessons learned




Proposed measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the GFFN---5 elements

3. Clearing house functions and sharing lessons learnt and best practices

UNFFs could:

- Harness the latest technology in maintaining the database
- Considering the experience of the UNFCCC and other related bodies
- Building the clearing house in a step-wise and transparent manner




Proposed measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the GFFN---5 elements

4. Collaboration and partnerships

The UNFFs could:

- Strengthen collaboration with regional and sub regional orgs by organizing capacity building programs and joint projects
- Enhance collaboration with project preparation facilities of relevant international organizations
- Strengthen involvement of and collaboration with major groups and other stakeholders in programmes designing and stakeholder consultations could be enhanced



Proposed measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the GFFN---5 elements

5. Potential actions by the Forum

- Invite the GCF Secretariat to establish a liaison focal point to enhance collaboration with GFFN
- Enhance the GFFN operations commensurate with defined tasks
- Encourage Members, and others in a position to do so, to provide necessary funding for the operation of the GFFN



Thank you for your attention!