



Monitoring, assessment and reporting on progress towards implementing UNSPF and UNFI

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Mandates and guidance from the Forum:

Discussion at UNFF12 and Resolution 12/1:

- In pursuance of ECOSOC Resolution 2015/33 and UNSPF, a draft format for voluntary national reporting was proposed to UNFF12 to establish its cycle and format
- The Resolution 12/1 requested UNFFS to further revise the format
- UNFF13 session would consider the cycle and format for the first voluntary national reporting to the Forum

UNFF13 Provisional Agenda:

- UNFF 13 would consider (a) the revised reporting format; (b) the cycle for the first voluntary reporting to the Forum; (c) the global core set of forest-related indicators; and (d) the production of the “flagship study” in 2021

Pilot testing of the reporting format & Expert Meeting on Reporting to UNFF

Pilot Testing (Jun-Sep 2017)

- Responses received from 16 countries
- Countries filled in the format but also provided comments/recommendations
- Replies summarized in *“Analytical study on pilot reporting cycle for UNFF, and development of a reporting system to monitor progress towards GFG and targets, as well as forest related SDGs”*

Meeting on Reporting to UNFF (21-23 November 2017, Nairobi)

- Participants shared the experience gained in pilot testing and discussed the findings
- Reviewed the reporting format made recommendations on the reporting cycle
- Discussed dissemination and use of information from national reports
- Recommended more detailed guidelines for the reporting to the Forum

Format & cycle format for reporting to UNFF

Format:

- Mostly narrative - structured around 6 Global Forest Goals and 26 targets

Cycle:

- Proposed timeline for the first reporting cycle
 - 2018: UNFF13 session considers revised reporting format
 - 2019: circulation of reporting format
 - 2020: Analysis of national reports supplemented with FRA 2020
 - 2021: Forum reviews progress towards global forest goals and targets

“Flagship Study”- use of Information submitted to the Forum

- Publication would be produced on the basis of national reports, supplemented by quantitative data from FAO/FRA and other sources
- Would focus on progress towards implementation of UNSPF and its GFGs and targets
- Would be prepared by the UNFF Secretariat with a wide range of partners
- Would be issued in 2021

Global Core-set of Forest-related Indicators

- Work guided and finalized by The CPF Task Force
- Structured along the seven thematic areas of SFM
- Will be used for and support of the measurement of progress in implementing the UNSPF its GFGs and targets
- An evolving instrument - can be expanded in accordance with new circumstances, information needs and policy goals

**Thank you for your
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