

QUESTIONS:

UNFF and its Members

1. Within the agreed actions contained in UNFF17 resolution regarding UNFF and its Members (Annex of the resolution, paragraphs A1 to A5), do you have any additional suggestions?

UNFF Secretariat

2. Within the agreed actions contained in the UNFF17 resolution regarding UNFF Secretariat (Annex of the resolution, paragraphs B1 to B4), do you have any additional suggestions?

Collaborative Partnership on Forests

3. Within the agreed actions contained in the UNFF17 resolution regarding the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (Annex of the resolution, paragraphs C1 to C6), do you have any additional suggestions?

Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network

4. Within the agreed actions contained in the UNFF17 resolution regarding the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (Annex of the resolution, paragraphs D1 to D5), do you have any additional suggestions?

UNFF Trust Fund

5. Within the agreed actions contained in the UNFF17 resolution regarding the UNFF Trust Fund (Annex of the resolution, paragraphs E1 to E4), do you have any additional suggestions?

Implementation of the UNSPF

6. Within the agreed actions contained in the UNFF17 resolution regarding the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests (Annex of the resolution, paragraphs F1 and F2), do you have any additional suggestions?

Contribution of the Forum to the 2030 Agenda

7. Within the agreed actions contained in the UNFF17 resolution regarding the contribution of the Forum to the 2030 Agenda (Annex of the resolution, paragraphs G1 to G4), do you have any additional suggestions?

Communication and outreach strategy of the UNSPF

8. Within the agreed actions contained in the UNFF17 resolution regarding the implementation of the Communication and Outreach Strategy of the UNSPF (Annex of the resolution, paragraphs H1 to H5), do you have any additional suggestions?

Involvement of regional and subregional partners

9. Within the agreed actions contained in the UNFF17 resolution regarding the involvement of regional and subregional partners (Annex of the resolution, paragraphs I1 to I4), do you have any additional suggestions?

Involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders

10. Within the agreed actions contained in the UNFF17 resolution regarding the involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders (Annex of the resolution, paragraphs J1 to J5), do you have any additional suggestions?

Response: Pakistan

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1. The actions proposed in Paragraphs A1 to A5 of the Annex of the resolution are supported.
2. The actions proposed in Paragraphs B1 to B4 of the Annex of the resolution are supported.
3. The actions proposed in Paragraphs C1 to C6 of the Annex of the resolution are supported.
4. The actions proposed in Paragraphs D1 to D5 of the Annex of the resolution are supported.
5. The actions proposed in Paragraphs E1 to E4 of the Annex of the resolution are supported.
6. The actions proposed in Paragraphs F1 to F2 of the Annex of the resolution are supported.
7. The actions proposed in Paragraphs G1 to G4 of the Annex of the resolution are supported.
8. The actions proposed in Paragraphs H1 to H5 of the Annex of the resolution are supported.
9. The actions proposed in Paragraphs I1 to I4 of the Annex of the resolution are supported.
10. The actions proposed in Paragraphs J1 to J5 of the Annex of the resolution are supported.

Response: Malawi

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1. on A4, (voluntary national national reports), it is tough to get data for reporting as some data is kept or held in other ministries, departments and agencies hence without resources this becomes very difficult. Some UN agencies e.g. UNCCD does provide resources for data collection and it works well
2. the assessment (B4) should be thorough and maybe both electronic and in person. Some focal points for genuine and nongenuine reasons do not respond to questionnaires and surveys yet they have vital information that assist the Secretariat in its work
3. I agree with action C6
4. I agree with action D5
5. very clear
6. very clear
7. I agree with G 3 because by doing that, the political authorities may consider forestry highly and provide adequate resources for implementation of activities which is lacking.  
It is important to communicate HLPF meetings in good time so that those required to attend calendar them because sometimes countries fail to attend due to short time communications
8. clear
9. Actions are good

Response: Madagascar

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1. Les point focaux doivent bénéficier de la prise en charge dans les sessions du FNUF.
2. Non, je n'ai aucune suggestion.
3. Non, je n'ai aucune suggestion.
4. Je n'ai aucune suggestion. Tout est clair.
5. Non, je n'ai aucune autre suggestion.
6. Non. Tout y est.
7. Non. Tout a été déjà discuté.
8. Oui; la communication est toujours à redoubler d'effort.
9. Il faudrait redoubler d'effort à l'appui de ces partenaires régionaux et sous régionaux.
10. Il jouent un rôle important surtout celui des femmes et jeunes en particulier.

Response: Kenya

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1. As Kenya, we are in agreement and support of the actions as adopted in relation to the Forum and its members in Items A1 to A5. Under item 5 we are suggesting that the study if possible could be conducted by an independent entity in order to obtain very clear and unbiased findings.
2. As a country Kenya .. We have no further suggestions in these paragraphs B1 to B4
3. 5. Under C5 - The only additional information we suggest is to ensure that the duplication of the efforts should be at regional, sub-regional and national levels,
4. Under Paragraph 3. Review the performance of the Network and the impacts of its activities, the sufficiency of its human and financial resources and the challenges to and constraints on its work. (suggesting the resources are both human and Financial)  
Under paragraph 4 we suggest as follows - Propose measures to increase the efficiency and added value of the Network and strengthen its capacity to facilitate and enhance access by eligible countries to resources for forests from all sources, and review the Network's guidelines in 2024 (with the intention to allow support to countries up to full proposal development, and also allow support to sub-regional and regional entities), in the context of the midterm review of the international arrangement on forests [and revise them as needed] (as recommended by the review).
5. Under paragraph 2 we suggest it reads - Explore the possibility of developing a dedicated Global Forest Fund to implement activities which cannot be covered by the trust fund (including implementation of the strategic plan).
6. No additional information
7. we suggest to include a statement - Conduct a study to assess the contribution of forests to the different Sustainable Development Goals.
8. Paragraph 3. Identify additional communication options, platforms and channels that have come into prominence in recent years to better reach target audiences and with greater impacts and promote / create centres of excellence in the sub-regions.
9. No further suggestions
10. We have no further suggestions here too

Response: Australia

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1. A.2 'Analyse the performance...' suggest this should be 'Assess' as we seek to do more than understand. We strongly encourage that we need to be critical and make recommendations for improvements - we see this as enabled by 'assessment' language. A3. 'Explore' could be stronger - suggest 'Test'
2. B 1. 'Assess the achievements made by the secretariat...' The review must assess more than the secretariat's achievements... suggest amending text to align with A1,C1,D1 etc.- 'Assess the progress made by the secretariat in carrying out its functions...'  
B4. Following agreement at UNFF17, need to update this point to indicate that the Secretariat is not conducting the assessment on itself - that this will be done by an independent reviewer, external to the UNFFS. Suggest the inclusion of 'by facilitating an external reviewer' after 'independent assessment', or similar language that is amenable to UN engagement processes.
3. No further suggestions
4. No further suggestions
5. No further suggestions

6. No further suggestions
7. No further suggestions
8. No further suggestions
9. No further suggestions
10. No further suggestions

Response: Japan

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1. We understand that encouraging the submission of more voluntary national reports (VNRs) is crucial for gauging the level of achievement of the Global Forest Goals. In this respect, we put high importance on the VNRs. As previously mentioned at UNFF17, we think that the UNFF Secretariat should establish first a draft roadmap and timeline for the next reporting cycle. This would help stimulate member countries to start working on their VNRs more easily.
2. We think that the UNFF Secretariat would be more effective in generating its own voice, if it starts seeing a substantially higher submission rate for its voluntary national reports from member states. This would be proprietary data, and would provide the UNFF with an authoritative voice in the field, based on direct submission of information from its member base. More thought should be given on how this could be improved upon, as a future guide for UNFF's course of action.
3. We do not appreciate the UNFF replicating courses of actions, for example, of other CPF members' mandates, especially by trying to develop projects in those verticals. The UNFF is a discussion forum, not a project development/implementation office, and we are concerned to see programming budget documents that appear to imply that it is, seeking to measure UNFF results based on writing up projects for a couple of countries. That is not the core function of this body.
4. CPF member organizations have their own governing bodies, and may not be in a position to "support" the UNFF in its policy development work, particularly if the work could be duplicative. As the Secretariat of the CPF, UNFF needs to think about how it could reinforce voluntary collaboration in areas which are cross cutting and which also would not represent duplication of effort. This could involve magnifying existing bodies of work, as appropriate, with the appropriate attribution of entities involved.
5. Websites are expensive and difficult to upkeep. Monitor and report on traffic measures (number of click throughs, unique users accessing information) to gauge impact. If there is dwindling traffic over the website, it could be indicative of a need for a review as to the usefulness of the website.
6. Do not propose measures that cannot be operationalized or be approved under the context of UN rules, regulations and /or existing mandate structure of the UNFF.
7. Given request to increase efficiency in the operations of the network, the proposal should primarily focus on how it could enhance delivery under the existing setup of the organization.

Response: ACTO

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1. No comment
2. No comment
3. No comment
4. No comment
5. No comment
6. No comment
7. No comment
8. No comment

9. No comment
10. No comment

Response: SADC

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1. no additional suggestion, agreed with paragraphs from A1 to A5
2. no additional suggestion, as the resolution on assess the achievement and analyse of the gaps and assessment to be done is clearly indicated
3. no additional suggestions
4. no additional suggestions as resolution is clear
5. no additional suggestions
6. no additional suggestions
7. no additional suggestions
8. communication and outreach strategy is important especially the progress on the implementation and assess the impact of communication and outreach activities. Therefore, no further suggestion
9. no additional suggestions
10. no additional suggestions

Response: Colombia

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1. As a joint exercise, identify the common links between the Forum and other EMAs, including CBD and the new post-2020 Global Framework, the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, the World Forestry Congress, and all others that apply.
2. Invite the IPBES to talk with the Secretariat regarding a possible joint venture for a specific assessment of forests. In this regard, maybe it can be done in the framework of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.
3. To have a space where the members of the partnership could maybe have some interaction or exchange of ideas regarding certain topics or proposals. It would be interesting for the members to get to know each other.
4. Improve or create a communications strategy so the Members of the UNFF know how to access and make use of the GFFFN, in timely manners so there is clear information on dates, requirements, and all other relevant matters. Have a workshop for the Members on how the GFFFN works and its purpose.
5. The Trust Fund needs to take action and actively engage donors and collaborators. We suggest to SEEK OUT donations and collaborations, emphasizing the role of forests and the impact these strategic ecosystems have on plane and human health and quality of life.
6. Messages and information must be shared with the Members in a TIMELY manner. For instance, the theme for the celebration of the day for forests should be shared AT LEAST 3 months before the date so the Members can plan activities accordingly and prepare their own communications strategies.
7. The UNFF should facilitate workshops, forums, webinars, and other types of activities that can help Members interact, share information, learn, and improve or strengthen their national positions, etc.

Response: GEF Secretariat

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1. No
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Response: USA

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1. We suggest consultants speak directly with those involved with the HLPF process to better understand how and to what extent past UNFF input into the HLPF was received. This detailed review can inform how the Forum moves forward with meaningful HLPF input.
2. We strongly suggest independent consultants carry out this work, connecting with Secretariat staff, but without external influence on their findings. An organizational chart and historical timeline documenting staff size would be helpful to include, as well as documenting past CPF secondments to the Secretariat staff.
3. It is important for the consultants to speak directly with a broad and diverse group of CPF focal points, including but not limited to FAO. CPF members did not have a chance to provide input on this section of the Annex; we highly value their views, especially on #3 “considering the suitability of establishing criteria for membership of the Partnership.”
4. We suggest consultants speak with a range of sources to examine actions related to GFFFN, such as Member States that have worked with the Network, donor countries, private sector professionals that have presented at past UNFF sessions, and past and present UNFF GFFFN Secretariat staff.
5. We are interested in charting historical data and contributions to the trust fund and their impact on core activities. We suggest consultants speak with donor countries that may have stopped contributing in recent years to the trust fund.
6. We appreciate the detailed actions listed in the implementation of the UNSPF section regarding the exploration of the suitability and timeline for the next national voluntary report deadline after the publication of the FRA. We suggest consultants review the outcomes and discussions of the December 2021 MAR EGM and its post-EGM survey for a fulsome review.
7. We appreciate the detailed actions listed in the Contribution of the Forum to the 2030 Agenda section, especially the input sought on the HLPF.
8. We suggest consultants connect with a communications expert and members of the FAO communicator’s networks to undertake this review. We would be interested in compiling historical quantitative data regarding social media posts and retweets related to International Day of Forests over the past few years. We view internal communications with Member States and national focal points via the UNFF website and other avenues as part of this review.
9. We suggest consultants speak with FAO for input on effectiveness and organization of their existing regional groups.
10. We appreciate the detailed actions listed in the major groups and other relevant stakeholders section.