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# **The NLBI**

# **The GOFs**

# **The SDGs**

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# Some statistics on reporting

- **46** reports
- **44** from countries
- **2** from major groups

→ **Low reporting** → **Why: ???**



# Evaluating the NLBI implementation

- Clear / unclear on implementation
- 50%: Inadequate implementation (Europe, Africa, Asia)
- 35%: adequate
- 15%: Not sure
- GOFs: GOF1-3: no trends
- GOF4: a bit adequate



# NLBI: A milestone



How many  
miles did we  
go?





# Past: Weaknesses of NLBI



- Not implemented
- Some say: not implemented as it is not legally binding  
→ not in an equal playing field as Rio conventions
- No reporting
- Not recognized by the forest sector
- Not known outside the forest sector
- Not much impact on national policies and practices
- Difficult to assess the NLBI contribution versus forest-related conventions / complementary and mutually supportive



# Past: Strengths of NLBI



- Adoption of the NLBI: Key achievement: national, regional and global
- Raised the forest profile in sustainable development
- Common understanding of SFM
- For policy advice
- A communication tool
- Increased cooperation, harmonisation of processes
- Forest dialogues at national and regional levels
- For bilateral aid





# How to improve the implementation of the NLBI - Multifaceted actions: International

- Legally binding instrument
- High level meetings between Finance and Forest Ministers
- Better linkages with forest-related conventions
- Better linkages with regional processes and NFPs
- Support from CPF members through global and regional thematic programmes for NLBi implementation
- Funding from all sources: (voluntary) GFF (+/- LBI), GEF, regional financing funds, better access to existing funds
- Importance of facilitative process
- MAR methodology and monitoring guidelines, indicators synchronized with FRA
- Seminars on integration NLBI in NFPs
- Demonstration projects and capacity building (2 Fs)



# How to improve the implementation of the NLBI - Multifaceted actions: National (1)

- Political will/interest to make SFM a priority
- Strengthen national legislation: align NLBI, NFPs, laws
- National forest financing strategies
- National accounting of forest values
- Good governance/adequate enabling conditions (incl. securing tenure and user rights)
  
- And....







# How to improve the implementation of the NLBI - Multifaceted actions: National (2)

- Percentage of national budget
- Percentage of national investment fund
- National forest fund
- Payments for ecosystem services
- Green economy
- Enabling conditions for private sector investments
- Private equity funds
- Taxes on private sector benefits
- Enhanced cooperation North-South and funding



# How to improve the implementation of the NLBI - Multifaceted actions: National (3)

- Long term ambassadors:  
Long standing national focal points for NLBI
- National SFM trained team for reporting
- Invest in trained manpower





## Invest in **manpower**: The Swiss example





# How to improve the implementation of the NLBI - Multifaceted actions: National (4)

- Translations of NLBI in national languages
- Information and publications for awareness raising, training and informed participation
- Involvement of all stakeholders: public and private
- SFM at landscape level
  
- **Wider cross-sectoral cooperation**  
(environment, climate, private sector investment, land degradation, food security)





# SDGs-GOFs-NLBI

- A SDG on: **Forests** – **Natural Resources-Landscape- Cross-sectoral issues**
- Need to convince on the multifunctionality of forests for economic and social development
- General agreement of usefulness of NLBI and GOFs
- GOFs already contributing to sustainable development
- GOFs under cross-sectoral issues SDGs
- GOFs useful if well monitored
- GOFs as indicators for SDGs



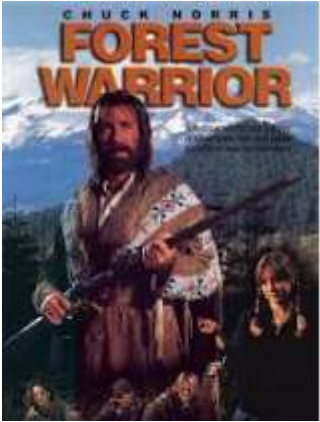
# Need to improve communication







# Foresters: WAKE UP!





« **If countries implement the NLBI faithfully, it will contribute to the implementation of forest-related conventions »**

- Be faithful to **FORESTS**
  - But be unfaithful for the implementation:  
Get out of your forests!!
- Work with other sectors
- Engage with the drivers of deforestation
- Be even more unfaithful:  
Engage women and men from the non-forestry sector!



