

Please find below our statement on proposed vision and mission by the EU.

- Vision: A world where forests are sustainably managed, contribute to sustainable development and benefit to all.
- Mission: For the benefit of present and future generations:
  - to promote policy dialogue and encourage inter-sectoral and inter-agency collaboration for the achievement of the sustainable management of all types of forests
  - to contribute to the integrated implementation of the 2030 agenda including the SDGs
  - to halt deforestation in cooperation with other policy areas and prevent forest degradation
  - to strengthen long-term political commitment towards all these objectives.

#### Statement on Communication

The EU and its Member States support the idea of stressing communication in the SP. Strategic communication should be an effective means for enhancing recognition of the concept of SFM and for improving efficiency in the work of the IAF. It is therefore important to build as much as possible upon available resources and capacities, such as the existing forest communicators' networks. The EU and its Member States recommend:

1. After finalization of the SP consider the added value of a Communication Strategy;
2. The SP in itself is a mean of information and background for communication;
3. The SP should be called the UN Strategic Plan on Forests;
4. There needs to be broad communication for the SP and also for each 4POW.
5. The UNFF Secretariat should, working with countries, the CPF and other actors, consider building upon and working with the existing networks to enhance communication of the IAF;
6. The UNFF Secretariat should regularly report to Member States and the bureau, present a workplan at each session and increase accountability on allocation of resources in the Secretariat;