

Indonesia's Intervention

On the draft of the Strategic Plan of
the International Arrangement on Forest by Expert Panel

Mr. Co-chair,

First of all, Indonesia would like to thank the UNFF Bureau and Secretariat for organizing this Ad-hoc Expert Group meeting, as mandated by UNFF11. We should also like to extend appreciation to the Bureau, Secretariat and to the Government of Japan, for organizing the Expert Panel on the Strategic Plan of the International Arrangement on Forest last March 2016. We should also like to congratulate you Co-chairs for your election for the role in this important AHEG. We also congratulate the new Bureau for the election, and appreciate the outgoing Bureau for the work well done.

Mr. Co-chair,

We need to strengthen the role of UNFF to be a robust forum, so that it can give significant impact on the furtherance of forests to achieve the IAF objectives and beyond that it can give significant contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Indonesia views that the IAF Strategic Plan should be intertwined between Global Objectives on Forests and the forest related aspects of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as considering further development in other forums related on forests. In particular, we see that the link to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development would promote the profile of the IAF and allow it to be more effective, participatory, and catalytic of global forestry coherence.

Indonesia believes that the inputs by expert are beneficial for our deliberation this week. Those inputs will assist us to formulate specific goals and targets, that can be implementable and more action oriented to achieve sustainable forest management at the global, regional, sub-regional and national levels. In this regard, we are pleased to see the Annex III of the Moderator's summary on the Expert Panel discussion that give us more clear understanding on the potential goal, targets, actions, means of implementation and indicators. It can become the basis of our discussion this week.

As regards your call for questions on the presentations Mr. Co-chair,

We would like to appreciate the excellent work by the consultants both in the preparation of the background study and its implementation. It was mentioned among others that the draft strategy incorporates targets set in other bodies. Presumably those bodies are undertaking efforts to achieve those targets. Our question is what would the UNFF/IAF do about those targets set in other processes. Our proposal is that we need to consult with those bodies in some way. Indeed the coherence in the international forest policy should start right in this process of developing the IAF strategic plan.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.