

**The proposed structure of the Strategic Plan 2017-2030**  
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**1/ INTRODUCTION**

*instead of the name of "introduction" some "provocative" question or phrase certainly attracts attention*

*IAF/UNFF is the United Nations coordination mechanism for forests and forestry related issues, including protection and SFM. It was formally established in 2000 building on a long history of collaboration in the UN family. IAF/UNFF is comprised of Member States and organizations/processes with a focus on, or interest in, forest related issues as members, and other non-un international organizations as partners*

**2/ VISION, MISSION AND STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS or THEMATIC PRIORITY AREAS**

*As example*

*....IAF/UNFF vision is its mandate...*

- ☐ Promote the implementation of internationally agreed actions on forests, at the national, regional and global levels*
- ☐ Provide a coherent, transparent and participatory global framework for policy implementation, coordination and development*
- ☐ Facilitate implementation of forest-related agreements*

*IAF/UNFF's mission is to complement and add value to forest and forestry related activities by facilitating synergies and joint efforts, so as to maximize it's coordinated action and coherence as well as increase the effectiveness of the support provided to Member States.*

Strategic directions:

- 1. IAF/UNFF will focus on introducing fundamental and new technologies for forests and forestry inspired by nature, which would not damage the environment, but would be in harmony with it, which would allow us to restore the balance upset by biosphere and technosphere upset by human activities;*
- 2. IAF/UNFF will increase efforts to ensure that forest is included in critical global policy debates, will build integration solutions for forests (including links to climate, soil, water and biodiversity), a comprehensive consideration of the issues*

*related to the depletion of natural resources, destruction of habitat and climate change;*

*3. IAF/UNFF will continue to seek avenues to improve monitoring and data analysis, integration of statistical and geospatial information about forests, forestry, SFM, and forest resources;*

*4. IAF/UNFF will continue to foster greater coordination amongst its Members and Partners as they work together to address the global forests challenges in all their facets. This involves a strategic prioritization of the work of the IFA/UNFF .....(Task Forces and Thematic Priority Areas), improving information / communication, coordination and harmonization role / activities of UNFF for implement GOFs and SDGs.*

### **3/ PUTTING FOREST 'CENTRE STAGE' FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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### **FORESTS PLAY "THE CENTRAL ROLE OF" SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Contributing to the post-2015 development agenda

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Fostering concerted action by members and partners

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Communication strategy

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Creating the Forests indicators partnership/platform (FIP) as a major forest knowledge hub

*Thanks to its Members and Partners, UNFF has to has access to key data, information and reporting on policies related to forests and forestry. IAF/UNFF thus aims stakeholders at all levels require the most up-to-date thinking on forest related issues, channelling inquiries to the relevant UNFF Members or Partners where appropriate. UNFF progress towards internationally agreed goals and targets. The FIP as a knowledge hub on forests and forestry related issues, thus created by UNFF, is a vital global public good that needs the support of all UNFF entities and stakeholders if it is to reach its maximum potential*

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### **4/ MAXIMIZING THE POTENTIAL**

Members and partners – the key to the IAF/UNFF

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Enhancing IAF/UNFF's relevance to members, partners and external organizations

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Supporting regions and member states to address forests and forestry related issues more effectively

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## 5/ STRENGTHENING THE IAF/UNFF

The various parts of the mechanism

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Binding the parts into a cohesive unit

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Linking the global to the regions and the countries

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Ensuring adequate funding

## 6/ TOWARDS A SUCCESSFUL IAF/UNFF

Setting realistic expectations

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Building on past achievements

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What success might look like:

*By 2030, a successful IAF/UNFF is likely to:*

- *Be a genuine voice of the UN system and help the UN system to 'deliver as one' on forests related issues;*
- *Be at the forefront of forest issues;*
- *Through the strength of its FIP be seen as an effective instrument to inform and methodologically help decision-making on forest related issues;*
- *Be in a position to respond to the needs and demands of the international community with regard to forest in the sustainable development agenda;*
- *Have a strong relationship with UN Secretary-General and with Member States;*
- *Be financially secure with increased support from Member States and Partners to enable it to meet its medium- and long-term objectives;*
- *Have a communicated forest issues in a high profile way.*

List or matrix of "Strategic approach" has to be included in the Strategy as an annex