

REPUBLIC OF GHANA

ANNOUNCEMENT OF

**GHANA'S NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO
ACHIEVING THE TARGETS OF THE GLOBAL FOREST
GOALS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS STRATEGIC PLAN
ON FORESTS 2017 -2030**

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VOLUNTARY NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GLOBAL FOREST GOALS AND TARGETS

Mr. Chairman, Ghana has taken the following steps as part of our Voluntary National Contribution towards the attainment of the Global Forest Goals

Global Forest Goal 1: *Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change*

1. **Target 1.2:** By 2020 Ghana has planned to take steps to reduce its **emissions from deforestation and forest degradation by 10.9 Million tCO₂e** under two initiatives: Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme in the High Forest Zone and the Ghana Shea Landscape REDD+ Project in the Savannah Ecological Zone.
2. **Target 1.3:** We are implementing measures to halt deforestation and restore **25,000ha of degraded forests** annually. Thus for the **2017 – 2020** Ghana has targeted the restoration of **100,000ha of degraded forests** through reforestation.

Global Forest Goal 2: *Enhance forest-based economic. Social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihood of forest-dependent people*

3. **Target 2.3:** Contribution of Forests to food security: By 2020 Ghana would have produced **300,000 metric tons of food crops** under the Modified Taungya System (MTS), which is being implemented under our National Plantation Development Strategy. Through the production of food crops from the regenerating forest reserves, our forest are significantly contributing to food security, particularly among the poor rural forest-dependent communities in Ghana;

Global Forest Goal 3: *Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests*

4. **Target 3.2:** Management plans are being developed to cover **100 of the 298 forest reserves** and to ensure that they are put under appropriate long-term sustainable management regimes by 2020.

Global Forest Goal: *Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnership*

5. **Target 4:1:** By 2020, Ghana would have mobilized **US\$323,758,700.00 to support sustainable forest management.** This is being done through financial strategies designed to access funding under the Forest Carbon Facility Programme (FCFP) and the Forest Investment Programme (FIP) both of the World Bank. Under the REDD+ Programme alone, Ghana is attracting about **US\$273,758,700** to implement strategies and actions to address deforestation and forest degradation.

Mr. Chairman, Ghana is fully committed to ensuring sustainable forest management and the attainment of the goals and targets outlined in the UNSFP and look forward to collaborating with member states and other partners to implement the Strategy.

We look forward to very fruitful partnerships for sustainable management of our forests.

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