

GFFFN

GLOBAL FOREST FINANCING FACILITATION NETWORK



The Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network was established by the UN Forum on Forests in 2015, to facilitate access to and effective use of funding for forests, sharing data and best practices on forest financing and contributing to the achievement of the Global Forest Goals of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030. To date, the network (which is managed by the UNFF Secretariat in DESA), has worked with 19 countries, helped to design national forest financing strategies, contributed to the development of project proposals for submission to funding institutions, and provided capacity development and training to over 500 forestry professionals around the world.

BACKGROUND



The UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 recognizes that there is no single solution to address all financing needs for forests, and that a combination of actions is required at all levels to mobilize resources, by all stakeholders and from all sources. Global Forest Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan and Sustainable Development Goal target 15.b call for mobilization of significant resources for sustainable forest management, from all sources, and at all levels. This includes development of national forest financing strategies, and provision of adequate incentives to developing countries to advance sustainable forest management.

GFFFN PRIORITIES

The UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 identifies the four priorities of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network are to:

- Promote and assist members in designing national forest financing strategies to mobilize resources for sustainable forest management;
- Assist countries in mobilizing, accessing and enhancing the effective use of existing financial resources from all sources for sustainable forest management;
- Serve as a clearing house and database on existing, new and emerging financing opportunities and as a tool for sharing lessons learned and best practices from successful projects;
- Contribute to the achievement of the global forest goals and targets, as well as to priorities contained in the quadrennial programmes of work of the UN Forum on Forests.





WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Multi-stakeholder partnerships have an important role in scaling up resources for sustainable forest management. In performing its functions, the GFFFN partners with key international and regional organizations, including multilateral financing mechanisms (the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and Green Climate Fund), the UN-REDD Programme, the African Development Bank (AfDB), and members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), UN Development Programme (UNDP), UN Environment Programme (UNEP), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

REQUESTING SUPPORT

The thirteenth session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF13) adopted guidelines for the operation of the GFFFN, which include procedures on how to request for the Network's support. UNFF13 also requested the UNFF Secretariat to develop a generic guide and a modular training package to assist countries in developing national forest financing strategies and to share information on lessons learned and best practices on resource mobilization for forests. The GFFFN currently relies on voluntary contributions to the Forum's trust fund and funding sourced from the UN regular programme of technical cooperation (RPTC). To scale-up GFFFN activities, continued and increased funding is needed for the Network to address the growing list of country requests for support in mobilizing forest financing and in setting up the Network's clearing house mechanism.

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The UN Forum on Forests is composed of all Member States of the United Nations. Since its inception, the Forum has reached notable milestones including the

adoption of the first UN Forest Instrument in 2007, the creation of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN) in 2015 and most recently, the adoption of the first UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 in 2017. The UNFF Secretariat, in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, manages the GFFFN and implements the Network's activities in collaboration with relevant members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

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