

UNSPF 2030

UNITED NATIONS STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FORESTS



The United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017. It features a vision and mission for the sustainable management of the world's forests and includes a set of six Global Forest Goals and 26 associated targets to be reached by 2030, which are voluntary and universal. The Plan includes a target to increase forest area by 3% worldwide by 2030, signifying an increase of 120 million hectares, an area over twice the size of France. It builds on the vision of the 2030 Agenda and recognizes that real change requires decisive, collective action, within and beyond the UN System.

BACKGROUND



The historic agreement on the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests was forged at a special session of the UN Forum on Forests in 2017, which marked the culmination of two years

of discussion and intense negotiations by Members of the Forum. The Plan sets forth a shared United Nations mission to promote sustainable forest management and promote the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda, by strengthening cooperation, coordination, coherence, synergies and political commitment and action at all levels.

A VISION FOR FORESTS IN 2030

The vision statement of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 calls for a world where forests are “sustainably managed, contribute to sustainable development and provide economic, social, environmental and cultural benefits for present and future generations.”

The Plan includes groundbreaking targets to increase forest area globally by 3% or 120 million hectares, and to eradicate extreme poverty for all forest dependent people, by 2030. The Global Goals and targets cover combating climate change, increasing forest protected areas, mobilizing financing and inspiring innovation, promoting governance, and enhancing cooperation across sectors and stakeholders. Actions and commitments by Member States are critical for the achievement of the Global Forest Goals and targets of the Strategic Plan. Enshrined in the Plan is the mechanism of Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs) as the framework for countries to communicate their individual commitments to the Global Forest Goals and targets, taking into account national circumstances and capacities.





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.

Global Forest Goal 2

Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people.

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.

Global Forest Goal 4

Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships.

Global Forest Goal 5

Promote governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the UN Forest Instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda.

Global Forest Goal 6

Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN System and across Collaborative Partnership on Forests member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.

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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, works to track progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and disseminates this information through the Forum website.

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