

# VNCs

## VOLUNTARY NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE GLOBAL FOREST GOALS



The United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 features a set of six Global Forest Goals and 26 associated targets to be reached by 2030, which are voluntary and universal. Actions and commitments by Member States are critical for the achievement of these goals and targets. Member States may announce their “voluntary national contributions” towards achieving the Global Forest Goals and targets at annual sessions of the UN Forum on Forests. Once announced, the VNCs are compiled in an online repository by the UNFF Secretariat in DESA.

## BACKGROUND



An estimated 1.6 billion people depend on forests for subsistence, livelihood, employment and income generation. When sustainably managed, forests are healthy, productive, resilient and

renewable ecosystems which provide essential goods and services to people worldwide. The United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 provides an ambitious vision for global forests in 2030. The six Global Forest Goals and 26 associated targets of the Strategic Plan support the objectives of the International Arrangement on Forests and aim to contribute to progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, the Rio conventions and other international forest-related instruments, and processes.

## ANNOUNCING VNCS

As outlined in the UN Strategic Plan for Forests, Member States may, on a voluntary basis, determine their contributions towards achieving the Global Forest Goals and targets, considering their national circumstances, policies, priorities, capacities, levels of development and forest conditions. These “voluntary national contributions” or VNCS, may complement national actions and targets related to other international forest-related commitments and goals, such as the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and actions to address climate change under the Paris Agreement under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, including nationally determined contributions (NDCs). Since 2017, ten countries have announced their official VNCS (which can be viewed on the [UNFF website](https://www.unff.org/)). If your country is interested in announcing a VNC in support of the Global Forest Goals and targets, please contact us at [unff@un.org](mailto:unff@un.org).





## 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.

# UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON FORESTS



## United Nations FORUM ON FORESTS

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, compiles announcements of voluntary national contributions through an online repository: [www.un.org/esa/forests/documents/un-strategic-plan-for-forests--2030/vnecs/](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/documents/un-strategic-plan-for-forests--2030/vnecs/)

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