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3. The year 2015 is used as a baseline.
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Global forest goal 1 and associated targets[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

Associated targets

1.1 Forest area is increased by 3 per cent worldwide [2]

1.2 The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced

1.3 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally

1.4 The resilience and adaptive capacity of all types of forests to natural disasters and the impact of climate change is significantly strengthened worldwide

Questions on goal 1

1. (a) Since 2015, [3] what types of action have been taken by your entity to support Member States to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 1.1–1.4?

Please indicate to which targets the actions relate and briefly describe the results to date, if applicable, (in a maximum of 250 words). For each action, please indicate whether it is continuous, planned, in progress or completed.

(i) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions: Updating current condition of SFM *Description of actions:* Analyzing the current responsible body for SFM in LFCCs

(ii) Institutional actions (actions to advance implementation of SFM)

List of actions: Cooperating with other intergovernmental or international organizations *Description of actions:* Joint work on SFM

[1] Goal 1 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 6.6, 12.2, 13.1, 13.3, 14.2, 15.1–15.4 and 15.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 15, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (o) and 7 (d) and (e) of the United Nations forest instrument.

[2] Based on the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015.

[3] Or earlier, where relevant to capturing important action. The same applies hereafter.

(iii) Financial actions

List of actions: Announce needs and requirements of LFCCs to related organizations *Description of actions:* Cooperating on preparation of book Presentation in related meeting

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions: Scientific and technical analyzing *Description of actions:* Cooperating for scientific publication

(b) How do the actions listed above support Member States in the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

May bring forest and forestry issue in higher priority in LFCCs

(c) What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal 1 in your region?

Forest and forestry is not consider as main priority Very limited financial supporting

(d) Any additional comments on goal 1:

LFCCs need more supporting to be able to play its role in global scale

Global forest goal 2 and associated targets [4]

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

Associated targets

2.1 Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated

2.2 Increase the access of small-scale forest enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets

2.3 The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased

2.4 The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economic and environmental development, among other things, is significantly increased

2.5 The contribution of all types of forests to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation is enhanced, taking into account the mandates and ongoing work of relevant conventions and instruments

Questions on goal 2

2. (a) Since 2015, what types of action have been taken by your entity to support Member States to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 2.1–2.5?

Please indicate to which targets the actions relate and briefly describe the results to date if applicable (in a maximum of 250 words). For each action, please indicate whether it is continuous, planned, in progress or completed.

(i) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions: Workshop on financial matter *Description of actions:* Cooperating for organizing workshop

(ii) Institutional actions (actions to advance implementation of SFM)

List of actions: Transfer of outcomes to participating members *Description of actions:* Highlighting necessary and importance of using SFM in national level

[4] Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 1.1, 1.4, 2.4, 4.4, 5.a, 6.6, 8.3, 9.3, 12.2, 12.5, 15.6 and 15.c of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 4, 14 and 18, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (d)–(f), (h), (j), (p), (q), (t)–(v) and (y) and 7 (k) of the United Nations forest instrument.

(iii) Financial actions

List of actions: Announce needs and requirement of LFCCs to the related bodies *Description of actions:* Poverty and financial difficulties is among main challenges in LFCCs and reflecting this important issue may help to solve the problem

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions: Facilitating technical and scientific understanding *Description of actions:* Cooperating for publishing technical and scientific paper and book

(b) What other action is being taken by your entity in support Member States to achieve goal 2?

Providing a sustainable source for financial supporting LFCCs to face with poverty and also bringing the forest and forestry in national plan as main priority is the best solution

(c) How does the action listed above support Member States in the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

Any type of legal UN instrument on forest and forestry must provide clear and transparent place for LFCCs

(d) What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal 2 in your region?

Forest and forestry is not a main priority in LFCCs Lack of suitable greening and or forestry institution Limited financial resources Poverty and livelihood wellbeing stresses

(e) Any additional comments on goal 2:

Providing a sustainable source for financial supporting LFCCs to face with poverty and also bringing the forest and forestry in national plan as main priority is the best solution

Global forest goal 3 and associated targets [5]

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

Associated targets

3.1 The area of forests worldwide designated as protected areas or conserved through other effective area-based conservation measures is significantly increased

3.2 The area of forests under long-term forest management plans is significantly increased

3.3 The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests is significantly increased

Questions on goal 3

3. (a) Since 2015, what types of action have been taken by your entity to support Member States to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 3.1–3.3?

Please indicate to which targets the actions relate and briefly describe the results to date if applicable, (in a maximum of 250 words). For each action, please indicate whether it is continuous, planned, in progress or completed.

(i) Legislative and policy actions

List of actions: Acting as Deputy in IUFRO working party on SFM *Description of actions:* Cooperating with IUFRO on C&I for SFM Acing as expert on EU C&I for SFM

(ii) Institutional actions (actions to advance implementation of SFM)

List of actions: Cooperating with IUFRO, FAO and EU on the C&I for SFM *Description of actions:* Cooperating with IUFRO on the C&I for SFM Cooperating with FAO on the C&I for SFM Cooperating with EU on the C&I for SFM

[5] Goal 3 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 7.2, 12.2, 12.6, 12.7, 14.2, 14.5, 15.2 and 15.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 7, 11, 12 and 16, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (p), (q) and (x) and 7 (f) and (g) of the United Nations forest instrument.

(iii) Financial actions

List of actions: Announce needs and requirement of LFCCs to the related bodies *Description of actions:* Poverty and financial difficulties is among main challenges in LFCCs and reflecting this important issue may help to solve the problem

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions: Facilitating technical and scientific understanding *Description of actions:* Cooperating for publishing technical and scientific paper and book

(b) What other action is being taken your entity in support Member States to achieve goal 3?

Providing a sustainable source for financial supporting LFCCs to face with poverty and also bringing the forest and forestry in national plan as main priority is the best solution

(c) How does the action listed above support Member States in the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

Any type of legal UN instrument on forest and forestry must provide clear and transparent place for LFCCs

(d) What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal 3 in your region?

Forest and forestry is not a main priority in LFCCs Lack of suitable greening and or forestry institution Limited financial resources Poverty and livelihood wellbeing stresses

(e) Any additional comments on goal 3:

Providing a sustainable source for financial supporting LFCCs to face with poverty and also bringing the forest and forestry in national plan as main priority is the best solution

Global forest goal 4 and associated targets [6]

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

Associated targets

4.1 Mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for conservation and reforestation

4.2 Forest-related financing from all sources at all levels, including public (national, bilateral, multilateral and triangular), private and philanthropic financing, is significantly increased

4.3 North-South, South-South, North-North and triangular cooperation and public-private partnerships on science, technology and innovation in the forest sector are significantly enhanced and increased

4.4 The number of countries that have developed and implemented forest financing strategies and have access to financing from all sources is significantly increased

4.5 The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multidisciplinary scientific assessments

Questions on goal 4

4. (a) Please describe major actions taken in your region to move towards goal 4 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

Progress towards targets 4.1 and 4.2

North-South and South –South cooperation may be an action to improve current condition in LFCCs

(b) Since 2015, has your entity been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources to support Member States in the implementation of sustainable forest management?

☐ Yes ■ No

Please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds in a maximum of 250 words:

Role of LFCCs with wide area of land and huge number of population and great potential for greening still is not considered seriously in international forest and forestry negotiation

[6] Goal 4 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 12.a, 15.7, 15.a, 15.b, 17.1–17.3, 17.6, 17.7 and 17.16 -17.19 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Target 19, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (h), (i), (m), (r) and (s) and 7 (a)–(c) and (l)–(q) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Progress towards target 4.3

(c) Please specify the actors/stakeholders with which your entity is cooperating:

☐ Governments ✓

☐ Intergovernmental organizations/processes ✓

☐ Private sector

☐ Non-governmental organizations

☐ Other (please specify):

Types of cooperation:

☐ North-South ✓

☐ South-South ✓

☐ North-North

☐ Triangular

☐ Technical ✓

☐ Financial

☐ Other (please specify):

Areas of cooperation:

☐ Forests and climate change ✓

☐ Forest biodiversity ✓

☐ Valuation of the ecosystem services provided by forests

☐ Socioeconomic issues, including livelihoods

☐ Forest degradation and rehabilitation

☐ Scientific cooperation ✓

☐ Forest monitoring/data collection

☐ Technology transfer and capacity development

☐ Production of timber or non-timber products

☐ Other (please specify):

Progress towards target 4.4

(d) Since 2015, has your entity supported Member States in developing or implementing financing strategies to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations forest instrument?

☐ Yes

☐ No ✓

Comments if needed:

Role of LFCCs with wide area of land and huge number of population and great potential for greening still is not considered seriously in international forest and forestry negotiation

Global forest goal 5 and associated targets [7]

Promote governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Associated targets

5.1 Number of countries that have integrated forests into their national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies is significantly increased

5.2 Forest law enforcement and governance are enhanced, including through significantly strengthening national and subnational forest authorities, and illegal logging and associated trade are significantly reduced worldwide

5.3 National and subnational forest-related policies and programmes are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous peoples, fully recognizing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

5.4 Forest-related issues and the forest sector are fully integrated into decision-making processes concerning land use planning and development

Questions on goal 5

5. (a) Please describe major actions taken in your region to move towards goal 5 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

Publishing scientific paper on C&I for SFM Cooperating with IUFRO on the C&I for SFM Cooperating with FAO on the C&I for SFM Cooperating with EU on the C&I for SFM

[7] Goal 5 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement, among other things, of targets 1.4, 2.4, 5.a, 15.9, 15.c, 16.3, 16.5–16.7, 16.10 and 17.14 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 2 and 3, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (a), (c), (k), (l), (n) and (w) and 7 (c) and (h)–(j) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Progress towards target 5.2

(b) Since 2015, has your entity supported Member States in promoting or participating in National/Regional/Sub-Regional initiatives to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking in forest products, wildlife and other biological resources?

☐ Yes ✓

☐ No

Comments if needed:

TPS for LFCCs is suffering from lack of financial support, so all its recommendation is facing with doubt of success when is transferring for actions to the member government in national levels

Global forest goal 6 and associated targets [8]

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

Note: targets 6.1 and 6.2 are not included in this section of the reporting format as they address actions taken by the international community, and not those taken at the national level

Associated targets

6.3 Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation are significantly enhanced at all levels

6.4 A greater common understanding of the concept of sustainable forest management is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified

6.5 The input and involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the strategic plan and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened

Questions on goal 6

6. (a) Please describe major actions taken in your region to move towards goal 6 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

Publishing scientific paper on C&I for SFM
Cooperating with IUFRO on the C&I for SFM
Cooperating with FAO on the C&I for SFM

Cooperating with EU on the C&I for SFM

[8] Goal 6 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, target 17.14 of the Sustainable Development Goals and are supported by paragraphs 6 (b), (c), (g), (m) and (w) and 7 (r) and (s) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Progress towards target 6.3 (cross-sectorial coordination and cooperation)

(b) Please describe major actions taken in your region to regarding cross-sectorial coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation.

It depend to the region of LFCC which is located

Progress towards target 6.4 (criteria and indicators)

(c) Are there criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management used by your entity?

☐ Yes✓ ☐ No

If yes, please specify which sets are used:

TPS for LFCCs provided its own set of C&I for SFM which initiated in year 1999 and updated in 2006 and presented in Japan in year 2011.

A scientific paper in cooperation with other colleagues from IUFRO, FAO and other universities has been published and all details provided accordingly.

For which of the following purposes are they used? (Multiple answers possible)

☐ To generate information for national reports on forest conditions and management ✓

☐ To monitor and assess forest conditions and management ✓

☐ To review and develop national forest policies and tools for sustainable forest management ✓

☐ To communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders ✓

☐ To report on forests to regional and international organizations (please specify): ✓ (FAO, UNFF,UNFCCC)

Progress towards target 6.4 (communication and awareness)

(d) Since 2015, have actions been taken by your entity to communicate and promote a greater understanding and awareness of sustainable forest management?

☐ Yes ✓ ☐ No

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

As mentioned above

Progress towards target 6.5

(e) Have actions been taken by your entity to involve major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030?

☐ Yes ✓ ☐ No

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

As mentioned above

Other questions

7. (a) Since 2015, has your entity taken action to support Member States in promoting gender equality in the forest sector?

☐ Yes ☐ No ✓

If yes, please indicate action taken regarding the following:

☐ Women's effective access to the control and use of forest resources

☐ Women's effective participation in decision-making at the household and community levels

☐ Women's effective participation and representation in forest management institutions

☐ Other

Please provide a brief description:

Not specifically But among other criteria and indicators

(b) What action has been taken by your entity in observance of the International Day of Forests?

☐ Cultural activities (for example, art, music, film and theatre)

☐ Educational activities (for example, workshops and symposiums)

☐ Media activities (for example, newspapers, magazines, television and radio) ✓

☐ Social media activities ✓

☐ Other

Please provide two to three examples and, if possible, a weblink or weblinks to relevant documentation:

Media activity Interview Highlighting the issue At national level

Success stories

8. Does your entity have any success stories relating to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017– 2030? If so, please provide a brief description, with references (such as weblinks, publications and articles), showing how the action contributed to achieving the goals and targets and specifying which goals and targets are relevant. Please provide a maximum of three success stories.

Success story 1

Not specifically on the UN strategic plan for forests 2017-2030,
But on "National Macro Strategic Plan on Climate Change Research for Agriculture and Natural Resources", which partly considered climate change impacts on forest ecosystems.

Action taken:

As executive director of this "Strategic Plan" I cooperate with about 60 scientists in 4 sub-plan groups for about four years, which its final stage still is going on.

Goals and targets addressed:

1- Revealing Climate factors changing
2- Impact and vulnerability of assessment in different sectors including forests
3- Adaptation measures program in related sector
3- Mitigation plan including role of forest, REDD and REDD+

Outcome and results achieved:

I- Preparation and publishing of first order report
II- Receiving comments by institutions and individual scientists
III- Reviewing and publishing 2nd order report
Following outcomes could be briefly listed:

1- Describing climate factors changing in national levels
2- Providing impact and vulnerability assessment in different sectors including forests
3- Recommendation of Adaptation Plan in related sector
3- Recommending Mitigation Plan including role of forest, REDD and REDD+