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# Format for reporting on progress towards the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions<sup>1</sup>

1. The format is structured around the global forest goals and targets of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and builds on the format previously used for reporting to the United Nations Forum on Forests at its eleventh session. It is largely narrative, reflecting the qualitative nature of many of the targets.

2. Only information that is not currently provided to the member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests or that is not in other international databases is requested. The information submitted will be supplemented with quantitative data, among other things, from the following international data providers:

(a) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Global Forest Resources Assessment/collaborative forest resources questionnaires, Forest Europe, Economic Commission for Europe, International Tropical Timber Organization, Montreal Process and Observatory for the Forests of Central Africa;

- (b) Reports on the state of the world's forests, produced every two years by FAO;
- (c) Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat;
- (d) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development;

(e) Other data sources, including the Forest Stewardship Council and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification.

3. Members are kindly requested:

(a) To submit their completed national reports electronically (in Microsoft Word format) in English, French or Spanish to unff@un.org by mid-November 2019, bearing in mind that early submissions will greatly facilitate the secretariat's preparation of the report on progress towards the goals and targets of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 [title and focus to be determined] to be presented to the Forum in 2021 [to be confirmed];

(b) To submit, in a separate electronic file, a scanned version of the official signed letter conveying their submission from the respective ministry, or a note verbale from their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York;

Please submit the completed format to: unff@un.org by 15 November 2019.

(c) In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues relating to forests and sustainable forest management, to consult experts from relevant national ministries, such as those of the environment, economic development, finance and agriculture, in completing the reporting format and to consult the national focal points for the forest resources assessments, the Rio Conventions secretariats, other member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, criteria and indicators processes, and relevant stakeholders, where applicable. Members may also wish to consult stakeholders when preparing their report.

4. The year 2015 is used as a baseline.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Detailed guidelines will be prepared and discussed and will, among other things, state the purpose of reporting and how the data will be used. References to voluntary national contributions will be harmonized with the process to be put in place for announcing voluntary national contributions.

5. Where possible, all terms used herein are consistent with the terms and definitions used by the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment.

6. Wherever possible, please indicate the source of information or provide a weblink.

# **General information**

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# Global forest goal 1 and associated targets<sup>2</sup>

# 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<sup>3</sup>
- 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,<sup>4</sup> what types of action have been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country 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 (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 completed actions:*

1. The President of Ukraine issued a decree dated 21.11.2017 № 381 "On additional measures for the development of forestry, rational use of nature and conservation of objects of the nature reserve fund." (1.1, 1.2., 1.3, 1,4)

2. Ukraine finalized work and issued NATIONAL BASELINE REPORT «Sustainable Development Goals: Ukraine». Indicators for the SDG 15 "Life on Land" it is foreseen increasing the country's forest cover and increasing the percentage of different types of nature protected heritage in forests (1.1, 1.2)

3. The Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated December 6, 2012 No. 878-p is required elaboration of the medium-term action plan for the adaptation of forestry of Ukraine to climate change (1.4)

There is also following policy action were undertaken:

- Increased an area of certified forests under FSC certification scheme (1.3)
- Maintained SFM in the country, including increasing forest area on yearly base (1.1, 1.2., 1.3, 1,4)
- Electronic timber tracking system was introduced for 73% of Ukrainian forests (1.3)
- Priorities for adaptation of forest to climate change are identified (1.4)
- Elaborated and approved road map for introducing principles of close to nature forestry and limiting clear cuts within final fellings (1.3, 1.4)
- Most of forest enterprises fully covered their demand in energy by using biofuel (1.3)
- Currently Ukraine is implementing GEF project which includes as an element supporting system of field forest protection strip (1.3)
- One of the task of forest enterprises is creating a new forests on low productive and erosive lands (1.3)

Description of actions:

<sup>4</sup> Or earlier, where relevant to capturing important action. The same applies hereafter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Based on the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015.

# (ii) Institutional actions

# (iii) Financial actions

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List of actions:		
Description of actions:		

#### (iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of completed actions:

1. It is adopted a new forest related plan for scientific research for the period of 2020-2024 which is foreseen elaboration of strategy of forestry adaptation to climate change (1.4)

2. Priorities for adaptation of forest to climate change are identified (1.4)

3. Elaborated and approved road map for introducing principles of close to nature forestry and limiting clear cuts within final fellings (1.3)

Description of actions:

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

Actions listed above in full correspondence with implementation of Goal 1 and associated targets

(c) What are the main challenges in achieving goal 1 in your country?

- Worsening vitality of forest due to climate change.
- Insuffisient of state financial support for afforestation, lack of investments
- Strict and in some cases unnecessary rules prevent foresters timely react on bark beetles problem
- Excessive taxes live lack of possibility to forest enterprises to make investments to forest infrastructure or forest related equipment for better adapting to climate change
- Difficult procedure for receiving lands which should be afforested

(d) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 1, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

Preparatory work for National Forest Inventory of Ukraine is undertaken

Priorities for adaptation of forest to climate change are identified

It is adopted a new forest related plan for scientific research for the period of 2020-2024 which is foreseen elaboration of strategy of forestry adaptation to climate change

(e) Any additional comments on goal 1:

# Global forest goal 2 and associated targets<sup>5</sup>

# 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 the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country 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 (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 completed actions:

The President of Ukraine issued a decree dated 21.11.2017 № 381 "On additional measures for the development of forestry, rational use of nature and conservation of objects of the nature reserve fund." (2.4, 2.5)

Electronic timber tracking system was introduced for 73% of Ukrainian forests (2.4, 2.5)

Most of forest enterprises fully covered their demand in energy by using biofuel (2.4, 2.5)

At the moment in western and northern part of the country in most cases forest enterprises are the biggest employer in rural area as well as biggest tax payer to local budgets (2.4, 2.5)

Each year forest enterprises conducting measures aiming to improve and strengthen recreational potential of Ukrainian forests (2.4, 2.5)

Description of actions:

#### (ii) Institutional actions

List of actions:

Description of actions:

# (iii) Financial actions

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me redistribution of share of forest related payment to local and state budget was made (bigger shar yment now is left at local budgets) (2.4)
escription of actions:

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions:

Several researches on evaluation of forest ecosystem services was made (2.5)

Description of actions:

(b) What other action is being taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in support of the achievement of goal 2?

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

Actions listed above in full correspondence with implementation of Goal 2 and associated targets

(d) What are the main challenges in achieving goal 2 in your country?

It is necessary to introduce electronic timber tracking system to all permanent forest users and forest owners

Volume of some timber assortments bigger than a demand at local market

Strict and in some cases unnecessary rules prevent foresters timely react on bark beetles problem that's why in the nearest future there will be problem with satisfying needs of wood processing industry in particular forest products

(e) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 2, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

Draft normative document on unified state system of electronic timber tracking, including confirmation of the origin of wood, taking into account European norms and standards is prepared.

(f)

Any additional comments on goal 2:

# Global forest goal 3 and associated targets<sup>6</sup>

# 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 areabased 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 the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country 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 (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:

1. Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Some Legislative Acts of Ukraine on the Protection of Forests in accordance with the Framework Convention for the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians". In accordance with the Law in 2018, a Methodology for determining the belonging of forest territories to forests, quasi-virgin forests and natural forests has been prepared and approved. (3.1)

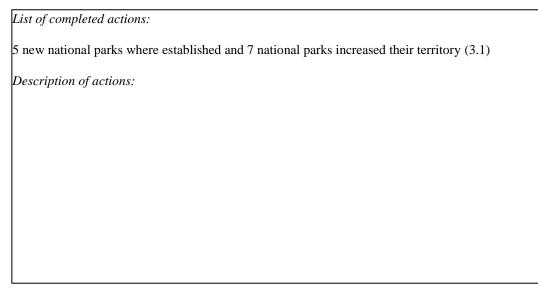
2. The President of Ukraine decrees on establishment/changes boundaries/changing status of territories and objects of natural reserve fund including forests (only in 2019 it was 12 decrees on this matter -5 new national parks where established and 7 national parks increased their territory) (3.1)

3 Guidance on virgin forest evaluating and protection was elaborated. Inventory of virgin forests in Carpathian was conducted. At the moment verification process is in place (3.1)

Description of actions:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 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.

# (ii) Institutional actions



#### (iii) Financial actions

# List of actions:

State is supporting activities of nature protection objects (National parks, different kinds of Reserves as a legal entities etc). As well it is provided support to forest restoration depending on possibility of state budget

Description of actions:

## (iv) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions:
Guidance on virgin forest evaluating and protection was elaborated. Inventory of virgin forests in
Carpathian was conducted. At the moment verification process is in place (3.1)
Description of actions:

(b) What other action is being taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in support of the achievement of goal 3?

(c) How does the action listed above support the implementation of the United Nations forest

Actions listed above in full correspondence with implementation of Goal 3 and associated targets

instrument?

(d) What are the main challenges in achieving goal 3 in your country?

Area and volume of dying forest stands is exceeding possibilities to provide sanitary measures there as well as strict rules prevent foresters timely react on bark beetles problem

Sanitary conditions of forest is worsening

Illegal collecting of amber in Polissie region leads in most cases to degradation of forest stands there.

Due to military conflict in Eastern part of Ukraine and occupied Crimea at the area of around 500 thou ha of forest stands, Ukrainian foresters are unable to conduct SFM, protect and demine area of forests

(e) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 3,

The President of Ukraine decrees on establishment/changes boundaries/changing status of territories and objects of natural reserve fund including forests (only in 2019 it was 12 decrees on this matter – 5 new national parks where established and 7 national parks increased their territory)

please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

(f) Any additional comments on goal 3:

Forest landscapes occupy a leading position in the structure of the Nature Reserve Fund of Ukraine. The conservation rate in forests is 16.6%. In almost all regions, forest conservation is higher than the average (6.6%).

#### Global forest goal 4 and associated targets<sup>7</sup>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 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.

#### Questions on goal 4

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

In 2019 it was established a special account in state budget where it is collected part of stumpage fee for using timber (4.1)

(b) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 4, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

In 2019 it was established a special account in state budget where it is collected part of stumpage fee for using timber

#### **Progress towards targets 4.1 and 4.2**

(c) Since 2015, has your country (the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of sustainable forest management?

□ Yes x No

If yes, please specify the sources:

- □ Public domestic funding
- □ Private domestic funding
- D Public international funding, including official development assistance
- □ Private international funding
- □ Blended financing

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

Financial support to forest enterprises significantly dropped due to difficult economic situation in the country. Starting from 2016 state enterprises are obliged to pay 75% of net profit to the state as dividends. In 2018 it was introduced land tax for forest land

#### **Progress towards target 4.3**

(d) Is your country (the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) engaged in international cooperation to promote sustainable forest management?

x Yes 🛛 🗆 No

If yes, please specify the entity or entities with which your country is cooperating:

- x Governments
- x Intergovernmental organizations/processes
- $\Box$  Private sector
- □ Non-governmental organizations
- $\Box$  Other

Types of cooperation:

- □ North-South
- □ South-South
- x North-North
- □ Triangular
- x Technical
- □ Financial
- $\Box$  Other (please specify):

Areas of cooperation:

- x Forests and climate change
- □ Forest biodiversity
- □ Valuation of the ecosystem services provided by forests
- □ Socioeconomic issues, including livelihoods
- x Forest degradation and rehabilitation
- x Scientific cooperation
- x Forest monitoring/data collection
- □ Technology transfer and capacity development
- □ Production of timber or non-timber products
- $\Box$  Other (please specify):

# **Progress towards target 4.4**

(e) Since 2015, has your Government developed or implemented financing strategies to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations forest instrument?

□ Yes x No

If yes, what is the time frame for these strategies (multiple answers possible, if there is more than one strategy)?

- $\Box$  2–5 years
- $\Box$  5–10 years
- □ 10–20 years
- $\Box$  More than 20 years

# Global forest goal 5 and associated targets<sup>8</sup>

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 country to move towards goal 5 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

Law of Ukraine "On National Forest Policy" is drafted and is under public discussion (5.3)

In 2018 State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine elaborated and approved Complex Program for Improving and Strengthening Forest Research (5.3)

In 2018 State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine is issued guidance approved by Ministry of Education and Science for forest related education of pupils (5.3)

Principles of forest pedagogics are introduced in Ukraine (5.3)

Since 2017 information related to forest felling as well as forest related cartography is open to public National plan on combating desertification and soil degradation recognize role of forest and forest related measures (5.1)

Forest related issues are included in strategies of rural development (5.1)

At the moment in western and northern part of the country most of forest enterprises are the biggest employer in rural area as well as biggest tax payer to local budgets (5.1)

Electronic timber tracking system was introduced for 73% of Ukrainian forests (5.2)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 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.

(b) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 5, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

Draft normative document on unified state system of electronic timber tracking, including confirmation of the origin of wood, taking into account European norms and standards is prepared.

Preparatory work for National Forest Inventory of Ukraine is undertaken

#### **Progress towards target 5.1**

(c) In your country, have forests been integrated into national sustainable development plans and/or poverty reduction strategies?

□ Yes x No

If yes, please specify if integrated into:

- □ National sustainable development plans and/or
- □ Poverty reduction strategies

#### **Progress towards target 5.2**

(d) Since 2015, has your Government taken steps to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking in forest products, wildlife and other biological resources?

x Yes 🛛 No

If yes, please specify the type of action:

- x New legislation
- $\Box$  Improved enforcement of existing legislation
- x Export controls
- □ Import controls
- □ Bilateral agreements between exporting/importing countries
- □ Other action, for example, public procurement policies and public-private partnerships. Please list below:

#### **Progress towards target 5.3**

- (e) Are mechanisms in place to ensure cross-sectoral coordination among government agencies?
- X Yes 🛛 No

There is mechanism of coordination of draft normative documents between all involved state authorities between its approval

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

(f) What types of mechanism are in place to involve stakeholders in forest/ sustainable forest management policy formulation, planning and implementation?

There is a system in place of public discussion of important decision before its approval, public report of Head of forest authority on yearly base. Besides each state authority has public council as advisory body

Please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

#### **Progress towards target 5.4**

(g) Are mechanisms in place to involve the forest sector in cross-sectoral coordination among government agencies in charge of land use planning and development?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

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

There is mechanism of coordination of draft normative documents between all involved state authorities between its approval

#### Global forest goal 6 and associated targets<sup>9</sup>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 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.

#### Questions on goal 6

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

(b) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 6, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

#### **Progress towards target 6.4 (criteria and indicators)**

(c) Are criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management used in your country?

x Yes 🛛 🗆 No

If yes, please specify which sets are used:

- □ National or subnational
- $\square$  Regional or international<sup>10</sup>
- □ Other (please specify): for international reporting

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

- □ To generate information for national reports on forest conditions and management
- $\hfill\square$  To monitor and assess forest conditions and management
- □ To review and develop national forest policies and tools for sustainable forest management
- x To communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders
- x To report on forests to regional and international organizations (please specify):

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> For instance, those used by the International Tropical Timber Organization, Forest Europe, the Montreal Process and the Tarapoto Proposal on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainability of Amazonian Forests.

#### Progress towards target 6.4 (communication and awareness)

(d) Since 2015, have actions been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to communicate and promote a greater understanding and awareness of sustainable forest management?

x Yes 🛛 No

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

There is a system in place of public discussion of important decision before its approval, public report of Head of forest authority on yearly base. Besides each state authority has public council as advisory body

#### **Progress towards target 6.5**

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

x Yes 🛛 🗆 No

All forest related work in forestry could be considered as an input in implementation of United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030

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

#### **Other questions**

7. (a) Since 2015, has your country taken action to promote gender equality in the forest sector?

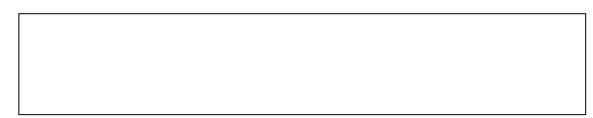
□ Yes x No

If yes, please indicate action taken with regard to the following:

 $\Box$  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
- $\Box$  Other



Please provide a brief description:

(b) What action has been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in observance of the International Day of Forests?

- x Cultural activities (for example, art, music, film and theatre)
- x Educational activities (for example, workshops and symposiums)
- x 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:

State Forest Agency of Ukraine starts campaign "Future forests in your hand" 21th of March. This tradition lasts already 13 years. During the campaign it is conducted different planting, educational and social events aiming to raise awareness of society on forest related issues

http://dklg.kmu.gov.ua/forest/control/uk/publish/article?art\_id=199656&cat\_id=134322

#### **Success stories**

8. Do you have any success stories relating to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 in your country? 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
Action taken:
Goals and targets addressed:
Outcome and results achieved: