

## **Voluntary National Contribution the Republic of Uzbekistan towards achieving the Global Forest Goals and targets of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests (2017-2030)**

**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

By 2021 Uzbekistan has planned to create forest plantations about 1,3 million ha. By this day already created more than 0,58 million ha. Usually we are implemented measures to halt deforestation and restore 42,000ha of degraded forests annually. But, with special resolution of the President of Uzbekistan 2019 year increased to 0,5 million ha and targeted for 2020 to increase this number to 0,7 million Ha. Especially, to combat desertification and drought, combating sand and dust storms on the dried bottom of Aral Sea region created about 462 000 ha forest plantations.

Uzbekistan committed to Bonn Challenge to restore 0,5 million ha and already done.

**Global Forest Goal 2:** Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihood of forest-dependent people

The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased. Uzbekistan producing 5500 tons medical herbs annually, which is being implemented under our National Development Program. In the past 2 years, more than 500 thousand ha of soil and water erosion areas have been restored. During the two years created 20 thousand ha nut tree plantations.

**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

From 2018 year to increase area of protected forests and to develop nature based tourism in forest area started to create recreational zones. In 2019 year was created 6 recreational zones. At present we are going to develop Management Plan for recreational zones. In 2018 year established National park in Samarkand region. To establish new national park and two reserves in forest area has adopted program of the government. The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests is increased. Uzbekistan is developing green ecological industry, especially establishing plantations of trees of valuable species, fruit trees and herbal medicines.

**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.

Uzbekistan establishes and perfects the financial supporting system for forest Management. Government is planning to motivate subsidize forest management with local finance. To support forest activities established Forest Development Fund. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mechanism

are developing in forestry sphere actively. Uzbekistan has an active cooperation with Eberswalde University (Germany), OYO Corporation (Japan), Turkey and World Bank. With forestry organization of Turkey, USA and GIZ, KOICA, FAO, APFNet on improvement of capacity building. In 2017 year established Forest Research Institute.

**Global forest goal 5.** 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

In 2017 year established the State Forestry Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the basis of the General Directorate of Forestry under the Ministry of Agriculture and Water resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan. In 2018 year adopted new edition of Forest Law.

**Global forest goal 6:** 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.

Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation making synergies with state and international organizations.