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# Voluntary National Report to the 11th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

### **Background**

The eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11) will be held from 4 to 15 May 2015 in New York. In accordance with the Forum's Multi-Year Program of Work for 2007-2015, the overall theme of UNFF11 is Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward on the international arrangement on forests (IAF). The UNFF11 will, inter-alia:

- 1. Review progress towards the achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs) and implementation of the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (hereinafter referred to as the "Forest Instrument"), and
- 2. Review the contribution of forests and the IAF, including the Forest Instrument, to the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The submission of national reports by UNFF Member States on the above items will provide a crucial input to the Secretary-General's analytical, consolidated report to UNFF11 on the progress and trends in the above-mentioned areas, as well as to the Forum's deliberation on the future of the IAF.

Pursuant to Resolution 10/1 of the tenth session of the Forum<sup>1</sup>, the UNFF Secretariat (UNFFS) in collaboration with the CPF member organizations and in close consultations with countries, revised and streamlined the reporting format. The attached revised format builds on and further simplifies the UNFF10 reporting format. Specifically, the number of questions has been reduced by consolidating previous areas of overlap, and Member States are asked to submit only information that is not currently provided to CPF member organizations, or that is unavailable in other international databases.

The UNFF11 reporting format is presented in two parts. Part I includes questions related to the progress on the implementation of the Forest Instrument, including achievement of the GOFs. Part II includes questions on the contribution of forests and SFM to the achievement of the MDGs.

To the extent possible, the information submitted by countries to the UNFFS will be supplemented with quantitative data, *inter alia*, from the following international data providers:

- FAO, Forest Resources Assessment (FRA)/Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CRFQ) -FAO, Forest Europe, UNECE, ITTO, Montreal Process and OFAC
- Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) FAO, ITTO, UNECE, EUROSTAT
- FAO, State of the World's Forests (SOFO) 2014

• Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Resolution 10/1 of UNFF10 requested the UNFF secretariat (UNFFS) to further streamline the guidelines and format for voluntary national reporting to the eleventh session of the Forum including a technical discussion on reporting methodology with relevant experts of Collaborative Partnership on Forest member organizations, taking into account types of information provided to Collaborative Partnership on Forest member organizations and through criteria and indicators and other regional processes and balanced regional workshops depending on available resources.(United Nations Forum on Forests, Report on the Tenth Session -8 to 19 April 2013, E/2013/42 \_E/CN.18/2013/18, Page 6)

#### Reporting Guidelines and Format

Member States are kindly requested to:

**Abbreviations** 

- Submit their completed national report electronically (in MS Word) in English, French or Spanish to unff@un.org, by 30 September 2014, at the latest. Early submissions will greatly facilitate the Secretariat's preparation of the analytical, consolidated Secretary-General's report to UNFF11. Please note that the MS Word file of the reporting format can also be downloaded from the UNFF website at: http://www.un.org/esa/forests//unff11\_reporting\_template.doc
- 2. Submit, in a separate electronic file, a scanned version of the official, signed letter conveying their submission from their respective Ministry, or a note verbale from their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.
- 3. Submit any graphic elements included in their national report, as separate electronic files.
- 4. Check all boxes that apply to questions that have multiple-choice components. In addition to the "Yes" or "No" answers, countries are encouraged to provide brief descriptive narratives, as this provides context and background. Please also note that space provided for the descriptive information is limited to 250 words per question.

In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues related to forests and sustainable forest management (SFM), respondents are encouraged to consult with experts from relevant national ministries to complete the reporting format, including, for example, the ministries of environment, economic development, finance and agriculture. Respondents are also strongly encouraged to consult with the national focal points for the FAO Forest Resources Assessment (FRA), the Rio Conventions, other CPF member organizations and C&I processes, where applicable.

Please note that the Year 2007 – the year of the adoption of the Forest Instrument (2007), is used as a baseline throughout the document.

All terms used in this document are consistent with the FAO/FRA Working Paper 180 "Terms and Definitions FRA 2015": http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/ap862e/ap862e00.pdf

C&I	Criteria and Indicators processes
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FLEGT	Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade
FRA	FAO's global Forest Resources Assessment

GOF Global Objectives on Forests

ITTO International Tropical Timber Organization

MDGs Millennium Development Goals
NFP National Forest Programme
ODA Official Development Assistance
SIDS Small Island Developing States
SFM Sustainable forest management

UN United Nations

UNFF United Nations Forum on Forests

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# PART I: Progress on the implementation of the Forest Instrument, including achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)

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## SUSTAINABLE LAND AND FOREST MANAGEMENT IN THE GREATER CAUCASUS

**LANDSCAPE**" **GEF PROJECT (2013-2017).** Greater Caucasus Mountains, encompassing 11 rayons or districts of northwestern Azerbaijan. Pilot areas: Ismayilli and Shamakhi.

- The goal of the project is the sustainable land and forest management in the Greater Caucasus Landscape. It secures the flow of multiple ecosystem services, including carbon storage and sequestration, while ensuring ecosystem resilience to climate change.
- The project aims to convert unsustainable practices into sustainable land and forest management practice.
- The project will support measures to mitigate Climate Change such as managing natural forests to emphasize natural regeneration through improved grazing and wood collecting in forests

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	Import controls  Bilateral agreements between exporting/importing countries
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"Complex Actions Plan in the field of environmental improvement in Azerbaijan for 2006-2010"

State Programme on reliable food supply of population in the Azerbaijan Republic (2008-2015)

State Program of Socio-Economic Development of the Regions of Azerbaijan (2009-2013)
 State Program on social-economic development of Baku city and its settlements in 2011-2013
 State Program on Prevention of Desertification and Efficient Utilization of Hayfields

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10. Has your government established one or more systems/mechanisms for payment for ecosystem services (PES) provided by forests?

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	Carbon	storage (including REDD+)	USD	
	Nature of	conservation	USD	
	Other, p	please list below:	USD	
Please	e provide 2	2-3 examples of PES and, if possible,	provide web-link(s) to	o relevant document(s):
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			2007	2013
		Domestic public funding	USD 9 mln.	USD 12 mln.
		Domestic private funding	USD	USD
		Public international funding (includin ODA and REDD+)	g USD	USD
		External private funding	USD	USD
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	Government
	Intergovernmental Organization
	☐ Private sector/philanthropy
	NGOs
	Others
Type of	f cooperation:
	☐ North-South
	☐ South-South
	Technical
	☐ Financial
	Others
And sp	ecify the areas of cooperation:
	Forests and climate change
	Forest biodiversity
	Valuation of ecosystem services provided by forests
	Socio-economic issues, including livelihoods
	Forest degradation and rehabilitation
	Scientific cooperation
	Forest monitoring/data collection
	Technology transfer and capacity development
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	Are these programs directed at:
	Forest owners
	Timber companies/forest products industry
	State agencies
	Local communities
	☐ Indigenous communities
	■ NGOs
	General public
	Since 2007, has funding for forest-related science and research increased?
	☐ Yes ■ No
	Please describe, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
5.	What actions has your country undertaken to increase public awareness of the important benefits provided by forests?
	Published broadcasts on TV and/or Radio
	Published materials, e.g. brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, or/and posters, etc.
	Meetings with the general public
	Art events/Exhibitions
	Activities in support of the International Day of Forests
	☐ Other
	Please provide 2-3 examples, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
6.	What sets of criteria and indicators (C&I) for SFM are used in your country:
	National set of C&I
	Regional/international set of C&I (e.g. ITTO, Forest Europe, Montreal Process,
	Taraporto etc.)
	☐ Other
	Please describe, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
	Are these C&I used to:
	Generate information to national reports on forest conditions and management
	Monitor and assess and monitor forest conditions and management
	Review and develop national forest policies and tools for SFM
	Communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders
	Report on forests to regional and international organizations If so, which ones:

official UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)?
Please give examples of your country's success stories and lessons learned related to the implementation of the Forest Instrument, including contributions towards the four Global Objectives on Forests:

# PART II

### Contribution of forests and SFM to achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

The aim of Part II of this reporting questionnaire is to learn how forests and SFM have contributed to achieving the MDGs in your country, particularly with respect to poverty and hunger eradication (MDG1), environmental sustainability (MDG7) and developing a global partnership for development (MDG8).

Please rate the scale of contribution on a scale	of 1-5 (1 b	eing the lo	west and 5	being the h	nighest)
Ву:	1	2	3	4	5
Improving livelihoods					
Supporting subsistence needs, including fuel wood, fodder and shelter					
Contributing to food security, including through agroforestry systems					
Providing employment, including employment in informal economy					
Other:					
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21. How have forests/SFM contributed to developing a global partnership for development (MDG8) in your country?

Please rate the scale of contribution on a scale of 1-5 (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest)

Ву:	1	2	3	4	
Engaging in regional and international collaboration on issues related to improved governance					
Through trade agreements involving forest products (e.g. bilateral/sub-regional/regional/inter-regional free trade agreements, EU voluntary partnership agreements, etc.)					
Fostering partnerships with the private sector					
Attracting foreign investment in the forest sector					
Fostering bilateral and international financial cooperation					
Fostering north-south, and south-south technical, technological and scientific partnerships					
Other					
22. Have forests/SFM contributed to making progress in act your country?				aining I	ЛI
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