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Date of submission:	30 September 2014	

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*:

- 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
- 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 Forum¹, 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).

¹ 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:

- 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
- 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

Abbreviations

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:

<u>Progress on the implementation of the Forest Instrument,</u> <u>including achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)</u>

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2013: Publication "Forest Policy 2020" — Visions, objectives and measures for the sustainable management of forests in Switzerland

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Please describe, and, if possible, provide 2-3 examples and web-link(s) to relevant document(s):

Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL. Research project 2009-2014: Factors influencing tree regeneration after windthrow in Swiss forests:

http://www.wsl.ch/fe/walddynamik/projekte/windwurf_ch/index_EN

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http://www.wsl.ch/info/mitarbeitende/buetler/publications/Published_paper_fin_al.pdf: Identifying Conservation and Restoration Priorities for Saproxylic and Old-Growth Forest Species: A Case Study in Switzerland

- 7. What types of mechanisms are currently in place for involving stakeholders in forest/SFM policy formulation, planning and implementation?
 - x Roundtables/committees have been established which meet regularly
 - x Forest authorities meet with stakeholders on an ad hoc basis as issues affecting

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If there has been no increase, please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds:

		2007, what steps has your government taken to encourage private sector ment in SFM and forests? Policy and legal reforms that encourage greater private investment
	x	Financial incentives, such as credit guarantees, tax breaks, employment subsidies etc.
		Establishment of markets for ecosystem services provided by forests
	x	Outreach to the private sector (leaflets, conferences, fairs promoting investment in forests)
		Development and improvement of infrastructure and other public services related to SFM
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13.	Is you	r government engaged in international cooperation to promote SFM?
		x Yes 🗌 No
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	Х	Forest biodiversity
	Х	Valuation of ecosystem services provided by forests
	Χ	Socio-economic issues, including livelihoods
	Χ	Forest degradation and rehabilitation
	X	Scientific cooperation
	X	Forest monitoring/data collection
	Χ	Technology transfer and capacity development

development and application of scientific, technical and technological innovations for SFM? x Yes	x Other, please list below:
relevant document(s): Participatory Forest Management Project, Phase III in Bhutan—Community forestry: http://www.deza.admin.ch/en/Home/Projects/Project_Detail?projectdbID=222965 Kyrgyz-Swiss Forestry Support Programme (KIRFORenv) www.swisscoop.kg/en/home/activities in_kyrgyzstan/other_projects/forestry Climate and forests: Strategic Framework 2014—2017 SDC Global Programme Climate Change (GPCC) http://www.deza.admin.ch/ressources/resource_en_234033.pdf Activities of the State Secretary for Economic Affairs (SECO): http://www.tropicalforests.ch/policies.php Please list the key challenges faced by your government in implementing SFM: Coordination with other sectors (agriculture, biodiversity, climate, energy). 4. Does your country have one or more institutes or centers of excellence engaged in the development and application of scientific, technical and technological innovations for SFM? x Yes	Forests and Gender
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If Yes, what areas do these technical/scientific activities focus on: x Forest inventory systems x Low-impact logging or other harvesting techniques x Wood production for energy x Wood processing technology Waste reduction and recycling Other, please list below: Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL http://www.wsl.ch/index_EN : Research on forest ecosystems:	
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Are these programs directed at:

- x Forest owners
- x Timber companies/forest products industry

	State agencies
X	Local communities
	Indigenous communities
Х	NGOs
	General public
Since 2007, ha	as funding for forest-related science and research increased?
	Yes x No
Please describ	e, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
Swiss Federal Instit	tute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL http://www.wsl.ch/index_EN
Bern University of	Applied Sciences School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences HAFL
	afl.bfh.ch/en/about-the-hafl/portrait.html
	s has your country undertaken to increase public awareness of the nefits 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
X	Activities in support of the International Day of Forests
^	Other
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16. What sets of c	criteria and indicators (C&I) for SFM are used in your country: National set of C&I
Х	Regional/international set of C&I (e.g. ITTO, Forest Europe, Montreal Process, Tarapoto etc.)
	Other
Please describ	e, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to relevant document(s):
National repo	rting – www.lfi.ch National forest inventory
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18. 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:

Switzerland has one of the best forest legislation and forest policy – 2011 http://www.forstverein.ch/fileadmin/Datenordner/archiv/medienmitteilungen/fpa_mm_22_9_2 http://www.forstverein.ch/fileadmin/Datenordner/archiv/medienmitteilungen/fpa_mm_22_9_2

PART II Not applicable

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).

19. How have forests/SFM contributed to enin your country?	adicating	g extrem	e poverty	and hun	ger (MDG1)
Please rate the scale of contribution on a highest)	scale of	1-5 (1 be	ing the lo	west and	5 being the
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:					
Please describe, and, if possible, provide web-	link(s) to	relevant o	document((s):	
20. How have forests/SFM contributed to en your country?	suring e	nvironm	ental sus	tainability	y (MDG7) in
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your country? Please rate the scale of contribution on a	•				, ,
your country? Please rate the scale of contribution on a highest)	scale of	1-5 (1 be	ing the lo	west and	5 being the
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Please describe, and, if possible, provide a web-link to relevant document(s):

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	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					
Plea	ase describe, and, if possible, provide web-link(s) to releva	ant do	cument((s):		
	Have forests/SFM contributed to making progress in Gs in your country?	n achi	eving a	any of	the ren	naining
MD	Yes No	o relev	ant doc	ument(s):	

MDG3: Promoting gender equality and empowering women

MD	G4: Reducing child mortality
	OF- Immunities a market and the olds
ML	G5: Improving maternal health
MD	G6: Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases