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## Elements for the UNFF11 ministerial declaration

Reference is made to the invitation to submit country inputs for the UNFF11 ministerial declaration.

During AHEG 2 and in our submission prior to the meeting in New York, Norway highlighted the need to see synergies and enhance cooperation between different organisations and processes related to forests. Following this, we propose also to invite other forest-related processes, in particular UNFCCC and CBD, to make use of the understanding of sustainable forest management as developed by the IAF and incorporated in the NLBI.


The High-Level representatives at UNFF11, should support and signal their will to contribute in order to achieve the goals set out in the New York declaration on forests.

We would like to suggest the following elements for the ministerial declaration:

- Underline the importance of sustainable forest management for economic and social development and for the environment, and to encourage countries to efficiently address the direct and indirect drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.
- Emphasize the multifunctional aspects of sustainable forest management ensuring a broad range of ecosystem services, and acknowledge the rights of local communities, women, and indigenous peoples.

- Acknowledge the importance of cross-sectorial cooperation for the implementation of sustainable forest management, and reiterate the need to cooperate with other organisations and processes in order to utilise synergies
- Invite the governing bodies of the Rio Conventions to make use of the work done on sustainable forest management by the International Arrangement on Forest and outlined in the Non-Legally Binding Instrument for Forests.
- Contribute to the achievement of the goals of the New York declaration on forest

Yours sincerely,

  
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