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What is the United Nations Forum on Forests?

The United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) is an intergovernmental policy forum which promotes “management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests and to strengthen long-term political commitment to this end”. UNFF was established in 2000 by the UN Economic and Social Council. The Forum has universal membership, and is composed of all Member States of the United Nations.

Milestones:

- 1992 - UN Conference on Environment and Development adopts the “Forest Principles” and Agenda 21.
- 1995/1997 - Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (1995) and Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (1997) are established to implement the Forest Principles from 1995 to 2000.
- 2000 - UNFF is established as a functional commission of the UN Economic and Social Council.
- 2001 - Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) is created to support UNFF and to foster increased cooperation on forests.
- 2006 - UNFF agrees on four Global Objectives on Forests.
- 2007 - UNFF adopts the UN Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (Forest Instrument).
- 2009 - UNFF adopts decision on financing for sustainable forest management which calls for creation of a Facilitative Process to assist countries in reversing a 20-year decline in forest financing. The Facilitative Process has an initial focus on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Low Forest Cover Countries (LFFCs).
- 2011 - The International Year of Forests, “Forests for People”

The Basics

- ✚ **Participation in the Forum:** Active participation of a wide range of forest-related stakeholders is crucial to sustainable forest management. Governments, international organizations, instruments and processes, and major groups are actively involved in the Forum.
- ✚ **National Focal Points:** Member States designate National Focal Points within their governments, to enable coordination and information exchange with the Forum. A directory of these focal points is available on the UNFF website.
- ✚ **The Four Global Objectives on Forests**
 - Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management (SFM);
 - Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits;
 - Increase significantly the area of sustainably managed forests; and
 - Reverse the decline in official development assistance for SFM and mobilize increased financial resources for implementation of SFM.
- ✚ **The Collaborative Partnership on Forests** is comprised of 14 international organizations: Centre for International Forestry Research, UN Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat, Food and Agriculture Organization, Global Environmental Facility Secretariat, International Tropical Timber Organization, International Union for Conservation of Nature, International Union of Forestry Research Organizations, UN Convention to Combat Desertification Secretariat, UN Development Programme, UN Environment Programme, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, World Agroforestry Centre and the World Bank.

The UN Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests

- 🌿 In 2007, the Forum adopted the landmark **UN Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests** (Forest Instrument). The instrument will have a major impact on international cooperation and national action to reduce deforestation, prevent forest degradation, promote sustainable livelihoods and reduce poverty for all forest-dependent peoples.
 - 🌿 To strengthen political commitment and action at all levels to implement effectively sustainable management of all types of forests and to achieve the shared global objectives on forests;
 - 🌿 To enhance the contribution of forests to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in particular with respect to poverty eradication and environmental sustainability;
 - 🌿 To provide a framework for national action and international cooperation

Sessions of the Forum

UN Forum on Forests meets every two years for a two week period. The Forum is responsible for reviewing progress in implementation of sustainable forest management.



	UNFF 9 (2011)	UNFF 10 (2013)	UNFF 11 (2015)
<i>Main task</i>	Achieving the four global objectives on forests and implementing the UN non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests		
<i>Overall themes</i>	Forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication	Forests and economic development	Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward for the international arrangement on forests
<i>Cross-cutting issues</i>	Means of implementation (finance, transfer of environmentally sound technologies, capacity-building, awareness-raising, education and information-sharing); forest law enforcement and governance at all levels.		
<i>Common agenda items</i>	Achieving the four global objectives on forests and implementing the UN non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests; regional and subregional inputs; multi-stakeholder dialogues and participation; enhanced cooperation and cross-sectoral policy and programme coordination, including activities and inputs of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.		