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United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2030

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About the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF)

A functional commission of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with universal membership, composed of 197 Member States of the UN and Member States of specialized agencies.

A global intergovernmental policy body on all types of forests

- In 2007, the Forum agreed on the **UN Forest Instrument**
- In 2017, the Forum agreed on the **UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030**



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About the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030

*The Strategic Plan provides a **global framework for action at all levels to sustainably manage all types of forests and trees outside forests, and to halt deforestation and forest degradation.***

- was forged at a special session of the UN Forum on Forests in January 2017, and subsequently adopted by the UN General Assembly in April 2017.
- features **6 Global Forest Goals and 26 associated targets**, which are voluntary and universal, to be achieved by 2030.
- serves as a **reference framework for forest-related work within and beyond the UN system** for enhanced coherence, collaboration and synergies.



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UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030: **Overview**

- **Vision and mission** towards 2030
- **6 Global Forest Goals & 26 associated targets**
 - ✓ Build on and expand the 4 Global Objectives on Forests of the UN Forest Instrument
 - ✓ Contribute to SDGs, Paris Agreement, Land Degradation neutrality and Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
- **Implementation framework:** Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs)
- **Review framework:** mid-term review in 2024 and final review in 2030
- **Communication and outreach strategy:** Awareness-raising



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UNSPF 2030: Actors, Partners and Stakeholders





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Working towards a shared Vision & Mission



- Vision: **A world in which all types of forests and trees outside forests are sustainably managed, contribute to sustainable development and provide economic, social, environmental and cultural benefits for present and future generations.**
- Mission: **To promote sustainable forest management and the contribution of forests and trees outside forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including by strengthening cooperation, coordination, coherence, synergies and political commitment and action at all levels.**



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UNSPF 2030: Voluntary National Contributions



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Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs)

In accordance with paragraph 30 of the Strategic Plan, Member States may, on a voluntary basis, determine their contributions towards achieving the global forest goals and targets, taking into account their national circumstances, policies, priorities, capacities, levels of development and forest conditions. These "voluntary national contributions" or VNCs, may include national actions and targets related to other international forest-related commitments and goals, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and actions to address climate change under the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Since the adoption of the Strategic Plan in April 2017, an increasing number of countries have announced their VNCs towards achieving the Global Forest Goals and Targets. At its 13th session of the Forum in May 2018, Member States of the Forum requested the UNFF Secretariat to compile, in a publicly accessible and centralized repository, all announcements of the voluntary national contributions communicated to the secretariat. Accordingly, this webpage provides links to the voluntary national contributions that have been received as of 13 May 2019.

- China
- Ecuador
- Germany
- Ghana



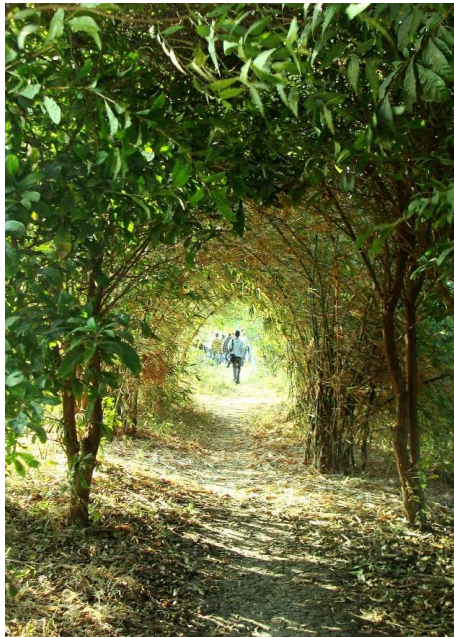


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Global Forest Goal 1



- 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.
 - Support/contribute to ABT 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 15



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Goal 1 targets include:

- **Increase forest area by 3% worldwide** by 2030, (an area of 120 million hectares).
- **Maintain or enhance the world's forest carbon stocks** by 2030.



15 LIFE ON LAND



Forests cover 31% of the Earth's land area, an area of around 4 billion hectares.



93 percent of the world's forest area is natural forest.



13 CLIMATE ACTION



Forests act as carbon sinks, absorbing roughly 2 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide each year.



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Global Forest Goal 2



- Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people.
 - Support/contribute to ABT 4, 14 and 18



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Goal 2 targets include:

- Eradicate extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people by 2030.
- Enhance the contribution of all types of forests to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation by 2030





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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.
 - Support/contribute to ABT 7, 11, 12 and 16



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Goal 3 targets include:

- **Significantly increase the area of forests worldwide** designated as protected areas or conserved through other effective area-based conservation measures by 2030.



80% of all terrestrial species live in forests.



Forests and trees support livelihoods, including of 2.5 billion people in smallholder agriculture.



17% of the world's forests are within legally-established protected areas.



2.4 billion people use wood fuel for cooking, boiling water and heating.



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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.
 - Support/contribute to ABT 19

Goal 4 targets include:

- Mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management** and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for conservation and reforestation, by 2030.



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Official Development Assistance (ODA) to forestry = around US\$ 8.6 billion, over the past 15 years.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



2/3 of all cancer-fighting medicines come from rainforest plants, worth around US\$ 108 billion a year.

1 NO POVERTY



40% of extreme poor in rural areas live in forests and savannas.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Nature-based tourism accounts for nearly 20% of the global tourism market.

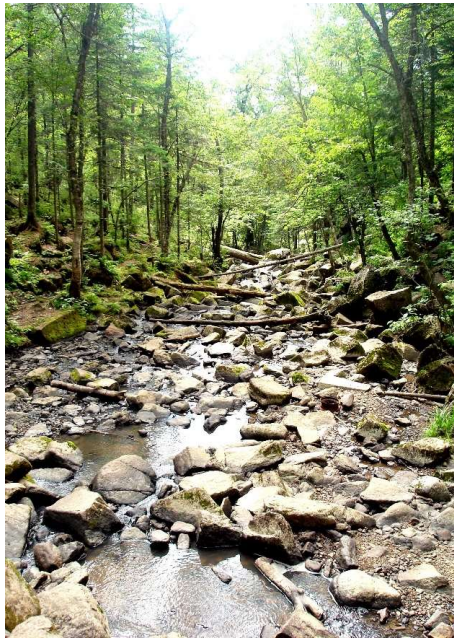


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Global Forest Goal 5



- 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.
 - Support/contribute to ABT 2 and 3



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Goal 5 targets include:

- **Enhance forest law enforcement and governance**, including through significantly strengthening national and subnational forest authorities, and significantly reducing illegal logging and associated trade worldwide, by 2030.



1/3 of the world's largest cities draw their drinking water from forest watersheds.



Globally, 76 million tonnes of food comes from forests, 95% of which is plant-based.



40% of our renewable energy is forest-based, that's = solar, wind and hydroelectric power all combined.



1.5 billion local and indigenous people have community-based tenure over forest resources.



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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.



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Goal 6 targets include:

- Significantly enhance cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation at all levels by 2030.



15 LIFE ON LAND



76% of the world's forests, an area of 3 billion hectares, are publicly owned.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



By 2050, the world's population could reach 10 billion, requiring more forest products and services.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



850 million people collect fuelwood or produce charcoal, 83% are women.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Trees and parks clean our air, reduce stress, noise, improve health and build sustainable urban communities.



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Ideas for Post-2020 Synergies and Collaboration

- Potential for integration of the UNSPF 2030, Global Forest Goals and alignment of targets (e.g. common goals and targets)
- Possible cooperation in implementation and reporting mechanisms (e.g. VNCs and NBSAPs, indicators, monitoring)
- Collaboration through the Collaborative Partnership on Forests
- Partnerships between secretariats, e.g. joint events and activities, inc. UNFF 15 (4-8 May 2020, UNHQ, New York)



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