

**United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)  
Bureau of the Eighth Session (UNFF8 Bureau)**

**Minutes of the third meeting**

6 May 2008 (Tuesday)  
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

One UN Plaza, DC 1 – 1235  
New York

**Participation**

**Bureau members:** Dr. Boen M. Purnama, Mr. Arvids Ozols, Mr. Abdellah Benmellouk and Dr . Glen Kile.

**UNFF Secretariat:** Mr. Peter Csoka, Dr. Mahendra Joshi, Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill, Ms. Afsa Kemitale, Ms. Mita Sen and Ms. Ghazal Badiozamani.

**Others:** Dr. Teguh Rahardja, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia, and Mr. Tri Tharyat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia.

**Opening**

Dr. Boen Purnama, Chairman, opened the third meeting of the Bureau and welcomed the members of the UNFF8 Bureau. He informed members that, despite the travel support provided, Dr. Modesto Fernandez could not participate, because of visa related issue. Travel support was possible to provide through a designated contribution by a donor government to the UNFF Trust Fund, received just in time for supporting eligible members' travel to attend the Bureau meeting.

**1. Adoption of agenda**

The Bureau adopted the following agenda for the meeting:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. General review of preparations for the Ad Hoc Expert Group
3. Preparations for the Eighth session of the UN Forum on Forests
4. Other matters

**2. General review of the preparations for the Ad Hoc Expert Group on Finance to develop proposals for the development of a voluntary global financial mechanism/portfolio approach/forest financing framework**

The Bureau considered and took necessary decisions on the following matters related to the preparations for the Ad Hoc Expert Group meeting:

*2.1 Dates, venue and working modality of the AHEG on finance*

After careful consideration of a number of factors, including timing and the availability of



- Meet on Sunday, 2 November 2008, just prior to the AHEG meeting, in Vienna. The Bureau would meet, as necessary, during the AHEG; and
- Look into the possibility of a meeting in-between the CLI and AHEG to prepare the organization of work for the AHEG, including the division of responsibilities during the AHEG meeting. Efforts should be made to hold a physical meeting, but if that proved unfeasible, then a tele-conference would be convened.

The Bureau also discussed the recently-concluded meetings in support of the UNFF; in particular, the Region-Led Initiative (RLI) on regional inputs in support of the UNFF, held in Geneva (28-30 January 2008) and a CLI on forest governance and decentralization in Africa, which took place in Durban, South Africa (8-11 April 2008).

### *3.2 Documentation for UNFF8*

The Secretariat briefed the Bureau on the titles and process to prepare documents for the Session. The documents would be based on the respective decision of the Forum and the provisional agenda for UNFF8, as adopted by ECOSOC, and their preparation would include web-forums, cooperation with CPF members and consultations with the Bureau, as and when needed. The Bureau advised that the documents focus on the themes of the session, progress and lessons learned, and with the expected output of the Session in mind. In the context of “Forests in a changing environment” – one of the UNFF8 themes – the members advised to strategically link to the recent developments in the Rio Conventions, for example, to climate change negotiations as related to forests



