

Minutes of the Second meeting of the UNFF3 Bureau

UNFF Secretariat, DC-2 Building, New York

Friday, 20 September 2002

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Attendees

Bureau Members: Mr. Hossein Moeini Meybodi (Chairperson-designate, Iran), Mr. Gustavo Eduardo Ainchil (Argentina), Mr. Peter Csoka (Hungary), and Ms. Conceição Ferreira (Portugal).

Regrets: H.E. Mr. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka (Uganda)

UNFF Secretariat: Pekka Patosaari (special attendance as Coordinator and Head-designate), Jorge Illueca, Mahendra Joshi, Susan Braatz and Mia Soderlund. Catalina Santamaria, Abigail Sarmac, Emilie Maubert and Omar Vidal.

ECOSOC Secretariat: Mr. Vladimir Zelenov and Ms. June Chesney

The second meeting of the Bureau considered the following agenda items:

1. The outcomes of WSSD and their implications to UNFF work
2. Preparations for UNFF 3
 - 2.1. Provisional agenda for UNFF 3 as revised by ECOSOC
 - 2.2. Status of documentation
 - 2.3. Organization of work of UNFF 3
 - 2.4. Ad hoc expert groups
 - 2.5. Multi-stakeholder dialogue
3. Follow-up to the CBD's COP 6 decisions on forest biological diversity
4. CPF-related matters
5. Other Business
 - 5.1. Secretariat staff recruitment status
 - 5.2. UNFF Website and logo
 - 5.3. National focal points
 - 5.4. Coordination with ECOSOC and other functional commissions
 - 5.5. Country-led initiatives in support of UNFF
 - 5.6. Next Bureau meeting

Opening of the meeting

Mr. Hossein Moeini Meybodi chaired the meeting. He welcomed Mr. Pekka Patosaari and congratulated him for his appointment as the new Coordinator and Head of the UNFF Secretariat. While still in the process of his recruitment by the UN, Mr. Patosaari took the opportunity to attend the meeting and meet the Bureau. He expressed his appreciation to the Bureau for allowing him to participate in the meeting and looks forward to working together in the coming days.

1. The outcomes of WSSD and their implications to UNFF work

section on forest and UNFF. Furthermore, the interlinkage of forest with other sectors particularly with climate change, biological diversity and combating desertification as highlighted. The Bureau also noted that three forest-

related and several other partnerships were launched at the Summit, which could advance the cooperation and coordination efforts at regional and global levels to promote sustainable forest management.

The Bureau suggested the Secretariat to provide:

(i) a brief overview of the forest-Newsletter; and

(ii) a review of the WSSD outcomes and their implications to UNFF work to be included in the document, to be

2. Preparations for UNFF 3

2.1. Provisional agenda for UNFF 3 as revised by ECOSOC

The Bureau noted with satisfaction that the provisional agenda for UNFF 3 as revised by ECOSOC, was consistent with the MYPOW and POA. According to the revised provisional agenda, in paragraph 3, the order of the sub-paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b) had been reversed. The original sub-paragraph (b) now became (a) and -cutting issue considered in the

2.2 Status of documentation

The Secretariat briefed the Bureau about the preparation process for documentation to address the provisional agenda for UNFF 3. The briefing included the titles and types of documents, preparation of guidelines and annotated outlines, and initiation of work by concerned CPF member organizations. In addition, the Secretariat had begun drafting a suggested format for the countries to report their progress at UNFF 3.

pare the following documents:

No. Title of the document

- 1 Report of the Secretary-General on economic aspects of forests
- 2 Report of the Secretary-General on forest health and productivity
- 3 Report of the Secretary-General on maintaining forest cover to meet present and future needs
- 4 Note by the Secretary-General on multi-stakeholder dialogue, transmitting discussion papers from stakeholders
- 5 Note by the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination
- 6 Note by the Secretariat on intersessional work, including further discussion on the ad hoc expert groups (transmitting the bracketed text from UNFF 2)
- 7 Note by the Secretariat on the format for voluntary reporting by countries for UNFF 3

The Bureau suggested that the primary purpose of the reports by the Secretary-General on the three -3) should be to facilitate discussion on the implementation of the related IPF/IFF proposals for action, and that care should be taken to avoid creating new proposals for action. These reports

action. Information on developments related to the emerging issues would be given, but no new proposals for action should be indicated. Thus, the final chapters of those reports should propose] decision texts rather than

The Secretariat presented its proposed new logo, which the UN Publication Board is currently reviewing. The Secretariat also briefed on the proposed outreach programmes including the publication of an IPF/IFF Proposals for Action reference booklet, UNFF/CPF brochure, flier and UNFF technical paper series.

5.3. National focal points

The Bureau expressed satisfaction to the briefing by the Secretariat that the number of countries that have