

In this sense, the focus of this Strategic Plan should be, among other things, in promoting synergies with other processes that contribute to the achievement of the IAF goals, while facilitating the implementation of the UNFI.

Comments on Section I – Introduction

Colombia fully agrees and supports the statement made in the Co-Chairs summary which states that the “UNFI sets out four shared Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs) and 44 national and international policies, measures and actions to implement SFM and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs”. It is key to keep in mind this statement, since the main purpose of the Strategic Plan should be to promote and facilitate the implementation of the UNFI. The GOFs should be the overarching objectives of the Strategic Plan, while all the other related goals and targets (such as the SGDs or the ABT) should be interlinked with the GOFs.

“Contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda”: Colombia suggests to make a specific mention of the SDGs related to forests. Even if the information provided in the Co-chairs summary under this title is concise and specific, a specific mention of the SDGs could provide more clarity on the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda. Colombia identified the following SDGs according to the bullet points included in the Co-Chairs’ summary:

- SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- SDG 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- SDG 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Colombia would also recommend including under this title other SDGs on which SFM depends, specifically SDG12 “Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns”.

“Opportunities for enhanced action”: taking into account the last comment regarding the inclusion of SDG12, Colombia considers that the participation of the productive sectors in the efforts towards the achievement of sustainable development is key. Governments alone will not have the capacity to achieve all commitments related to sustainable development and SFM alone. Therefore, Colombia would suggest considering under this item the participation of the productive sectors and the mainstreaming of SFM in their planning processes and activities, as an opportunity to achieve SFM and sustainable development.

Another mention should also be included, regarding the opportunity that the Strategic Plan represents, in terms of resource mobilization. The Strategic Plan

would provide donors and other sources of financial and non-financial resources

