

## Survey

### **CPF members' views on contributions of forests to 2017 HLPF theme "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world" and achievement of SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17**

The 2017 session of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is scheduled to be convened from 10 to 19 July 2017 under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 70/299, the theme will be "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world" and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) goal 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17 will be reviewed in depth.

The twelfth session of UNFF (UNFF12) is scheduled to be convened from 1-5 May 2017. In accordance with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2015/33, the Forum will deliberate on its contribution to the follow-up, review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including through contributing to the work of the HLPF. In addition, the ECOSOC President invited the Chair of the UNFF12 Bureau to provide substantive inputs to the 2017 HLPF showcasing its contribution towards the 2030 Agenda in general and particularly for the SDG and respective targets that are most relevant to the mandate of the Forum.

Against this background, the UNFF Secretariat is preparing a Note by the Secretariat to facilitate informed discussion on the subject matter to be held at UNFF12. The Note will highlight key issues in forest-related inputs: i) assessment of the situation regarding the principle "ensuring that no one is left behind" at the global level; ii) identification of gaps, areas requiring urgent attention, risks and challenges; iii) valuable lessons learned on eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity; iv) emerging issues likely to affect the realization of poverty eradication and achieving prosperity; v) areas where political guidance is required; and vi) policy recommendations on ways to accelerate progress in poverty eradication.

The accompanying questions seek the views of CPF members on the contributions of forests to the achievement of the SDGs goal 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17 in the context of the 2017 HLPF theme. A summary of responses will be included in the Note to help facilitate informed discussion on the subject matter at UNFF12.

#### Questions:

1. Please provide your view on the key contributions of forests to and promoting prosperity in a changing world".

From the perspective of UNDP, forests can make a key contribution to eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity. Forest ecosystems provide critical goods and services for both rural and urban communities. An estimated 1.3 billion people about one-fifth of the global population derive direct and indirect benefits from forests and trees in the form of employment, forest products, and contributions to livelihoods and incomes. Some 300-350 million people--about half of whom are indigenous live within or close to dense forests and depend almost entirely on forests for subsistence. Hundreds of millions more, including people in cities, depend on forest resources for food, construction materials, and energy. In providing for both people and the planet, forests serve multiple and symbiotic roles: they generate income, enable agriculture, store medicinal plants and biodiversity, help regulate watersheds, and are carbon sinks.

2. Please provide your  
Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17.

contributions of forests to the achievement of

including ODA and other sources, and the additional resources needed, is key to transforming the systems, policies and practices covering integrated forest management.

**Ensure land security and forest resource use rights for indigenous peoples and forest-dependent local communities, which may be both of a communal or an individual nature.**

A growing body of evidence links community forest rights with healthier forests and lower emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, which in turn contributes to climate change mitigation and adaptation. Moreover, when women gain secure land and tenure rights, multiplier effects on the environment, nutrition and food security, and household economic wellbeing can be achieved.

**Strengthen forest governance, including better management and greater accountability,** including through community co-management of forest resources, **greening value chains,** sustainable forestry approaches, and developing **chain of custody systems.** This i