



Entity name	African Forest Forum
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## General Information

### Information on Entity

Official Name:	African Forest Forum
Membership:	2056 Individuals from 51 African countries



## Global forest goal 1 and associated targets

Reverse the loss of forest cover



(ii) Institutional actions (actions to advance implementation of SFM)

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- Developing and strengthening platforms for sharing information and experiences in order to promote SFM in African forestry. Platforms developed and/or strengthened include Youth in Forestry Chapter and Women in Forestry Chapter (both as constituents of the Governing Council for AFF); professional forestry associations established for both eastern and western Africa, a forest products association initiated for western Africa, a WhatsApp Group for forest products traders in West Africa. (Targets 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3);
- Assessing training needs for production and management of quality tree germplasm, surveillance of forest and tree pests and diseases, good forest governance, forest certification, and international negotiations

<sup>1</sup> Goal 1 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 6.6, 12.2, 13.1, 13.3, 14.2, 15.1–15.4 and 15.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 15, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (o) and 7 (d) and (e) of the United Nations forest instrument.

<sup>2</sup> Based on the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015.

<sup>3</sup> Or earlier, where relevant to capturing important action. The same applies hereafter.

(iii) Financial actions





(d) Any additional comments on goal 1:

## Global forest goal 2 and associated targets

Enhance forestbased economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people



2.1 Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated

2.2 Increase the access of small-scale forest enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets

2.3 The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased

2.4 The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economicw 9.8254 -68 ( )-14..00ntrndent0.9 (a)-7.1 (t)-5.1 ( )-17.7 (d)0.3 (e)-7.ve (a)-7.1 (t1.7 (o)-17.pn o)-2m (e)90.4 (e)-7.n1 (t)-5.1 (



contribute to the achievement of targets 2.1–2.5?

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(i) Legislative and policy actions

(ii) Institutional actions (actions to advance implementation of SFM)

<sup>4</sup> Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 1.1, 1.4, 2.4, 4.4, 5.a, 6.6, 8.3, 9.3, 12.2, 12.5, 15.6 and 15.c of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 4, 14 and 18, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (d)–(f), (h), (j), (p), (q), (t)–







Any additional comments on goal 2:

### Global forest goal 3 and associated targets

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

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- 3.1 The area of forests worldwide designated as protected areas or conserved through other effective area-based conservation measures is significantly increased
- 3.2 The area of forests under long-term forest management plans is significantly increased
- 3.3 The proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests is significantly increased

#### Questions on goal 3

3. (a) Since 2015, what types of action have been taken by your entity to support Member States to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 3.1–3.3?

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- (i) Legislative and policy actions

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(d) What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal 3 in your region?

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Support to countries to leverage global finance through GEF, GCM and GFFFN. Stakeholders in African forestry made aware of several global sources for financing forestry and trained on developing relevant project proposals.

(b) Since 2015, has your entity been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources to support Member States in the implementation of sustainable forest management?

Yes No

Please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds in a maximum of 250 words:

Increased financial demands from many stakeholders on limited funding  
Limited capacity of African countries to develop bankable projects for forestry programmes

<sup>6</sup> Goal 4 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 12.a, 15.7, 15.a, 15.b, 17.1–17.3, 17.6, 17.7 and 17.16–17.19 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Target 19, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (h), (i), (m), (r) and (s) and 7 (a)–(c) and (l)–(q) of the United Nations forest instrument.



Progress towards target 4.3

(c) Please specify the actors/stakeholders with which your entity is cooperating:

Governments

Intergovernmental organizations/processes

Private sector

Non-governmental organizations

Other (please specify):

Types of cooperation:

North-South

South-South

North-North

Triangular

Technical

Financial

Other (please specify):

Areas of cooperation:

Forests and climate change

Forest biodiversity

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#### Progress towards target 4.4

(d) Since 2015, has your entity supported Member States in developing or implementing financing strategies to achieve sustainable forest management and to implement the United Nations forest instrument?

Yes

No

Comments if needed:

#### Global forest goal 5 and associated targets

Promote governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the



(b) Since 2015, has your entity supported Member States in promoting or participating in National/Regional/Sub-Regional initiatives to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking in forest products, wildlife and other biological resources?

Yes

No

Comments if needed:

### Global forest goal 6 and associated targets

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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Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation are significantly enhanced at all levels

6.4 A greater common understanding of the concept of sustainable forest management is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified

6.5 The input and involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the strategic plan and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened

#### Questions on goal 6

6. (a) Please describe major actions taken in your region to move towards goal 6 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

<sup>8</sup> Goal 6 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, target 17.14 of the Sustainable



Development Goals and are supported by paragraphs 6 (b), (c), (g), (m) and (w) and 7 (r) and (s) of the United Nations forest instrument.





- Face to face stakeholders' forums organised to disseminate research findings and to impart information on best practices towards sustainable forest management
- AFF web-based knowledge sharing platform that shares AFF produced knowledge products related to SFM as well as providing links to



### Progress towards target 6.5

(d) Have actions been taken by your entity to involve major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030?

**Yes**

No

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

### Other questions

7. (a) Since 2015, has your entity taken action to support Member States in promoting gender equality in the forest sector?

**Yes**

No

If yes, please indicate action taken regarding the following:

Women's effective access to the control and use of forest resources

Women's effective participation in decision-making at the household and community levels

**Women's effective participation and representation in forest management institutions**



## Success stories

8. Does your entity have any success stories relating to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017– 2030? If so, please provide a brief description, with references (such as weblinks, publications and articles), showing how the action contributed to achieving the goals and targets and specifying which goals and targets are relevant. Please provide a maximum of three success stories.

Success story 1

Action taken:

Goals and targets addressed:

Outcome and results achieved: