







General Information

Information on Entity





List of actions:

1. *Development of the African Regional Sustainable Forest Management Framework*
2. *Development of African Strategy to combat Illegal Wildlife Trade*
3. *Adoption of the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel Initiative*
4. *African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFRI00)*

(ii)

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

Dedicated position for forestry and land management

List of actions: Working with the Regional

Economic Communities and African Union

Member States

Description of actions:

Development of synergies between the various

strategies and policies

¹ 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.

² Based on the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015.

³ Or earlier, where relevant to capturing important action. The same applies hereafter.

(iv) Financial actions



(v) Technical and scientific actions

List of actions: Conducting training for African Union Member States
Description of actions: Regional and national training workshops

How do the actions listed above support Member States in the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument? What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal 1 in your region? Any additional comments on goal 1: Global forest goal 2 and associated targets ⁴

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

Associated targets

- 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 ^{14.04st} is



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<i>Description of action</i>

(iii) **Financial actions**

(iv) **Technical and scientific actions**

(v)



(c) How does the action listed above support Member States in the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

(d) What are the main challenges in supporting Member States in achieving goal

2 in your region?



(e) Any additional comments on goal 2:

Global forest goal 3 and associated targets ⁵

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

Associated targets



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

⁵ Goal 3 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 7.2, 12.2, 12.6, 12.7, 14.2, 14.5, 15.2 and 15.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 7, 11, 12 and 16, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (p), (q) and (x) and 7 (f) and (g) of the United Nations forest instrument.



(b)



Global forest goal 4 and associated targets ⁶

Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resourcesoua



(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



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

Valuation of the ecosystem services provided by forests

Socioeconomic issues, including livelihoods

Forest degradation and rehabilitation

Scientific cooperation

Forest monitoring/data collection

Technology transfer and capacity development

Production of timber or non-timber products

Other (please specify):





Questions on goal 5

5. (a) Please describe major actions taken in your region to move towards goal

We have forest policies and strategies at regional and continental levels (e.g African Union Sustainable Forest Management Framework, COMIFAC and ECOWAS Forest Convergence Plans) which are being gradually domesticated and mainstreamed into the national structures and frameworks

Together with the FAO, we have embarked on mainstreaming biodiversity conservation into the whole spectrum of agriculture including forestry, wildlife, livestock and fisheries.

We are planning with FAO in early 2020 a regional training workshop on the promotion of NTPs as instruments of poverty alleviation and rural development.

6. 5 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

⁷ Goal 5 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement, among other things, of targets 1.4, 2.4, 5.a, 15.9, 15.c, 16.3, 16.5 16.7, 16.10 and 17.14 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 2 and 3, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (a), (c), (k), (l), (n) and (w) and 7 (c) and (h) (j) of the United Nations forest instrument.

Progress towards target 5.2

(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



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

7. (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.

8 Goal 6 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of target 2.3



In February 2019, during the African Union Summit, we organized a high level side event to create awareness and on the illegal exploitation and trade on forest resources in particular Rosewood. This was followed by a regional policy dialogue on the same issue in Accra, Ghana in July 2019.

Progress towards target 6.5

(e) 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:

The African Union SFM Strategy and other policies and strategies at Subregional and national levels are all indirectly in support of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests.

Other questions

8. (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:

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

institutions

