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UNFF Intersessional Activities on the International Arrangement on Forests Format for
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1. According to the multi-year programme of work adopted in 2007, the overall theme of the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFFII) in 2015 will be "Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward for the international arrangement on forests (IAF)." At this session, the Forum will review the effectiveness of the IAF and decide on its future. ¹

2. In preparation for UNFFII in 2015, the Forum has made a number of decisions during the last fourteen years² Most recently, Member States through Resolution 10/2 of UNFFIO decided to undertake several intersessional activities to ensure UNFFII

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Section A: Full options for the IAF

A.1 Please select (with X in front of the options below) and explain the preferred option for the future of the IAF:

- D A legally binding instrument on all types of forests
- DX Strengthening of the current IAF
- D

8.5 Please describe the role and impact of Country-Led Initiatives and ad hoc expert groups in the work of the UNFF:

Country-Led Initiative and ad hoc expert groups give their expertise and their suggestions to allow the work of the UNFF be facilitated in terms of scientific and technical arguments.

8.6 Please indicate how effective you consider the engagement of major groups in the work of the UNFF and provide suggestions on their further engagement:

The major groups share their point of view which aren't always the ones of ad hoc expert groups because they consider social and cultural consideration for example.

8.7 Please explain the role and impact of the International Year of Forests and the International Day of Forests in promoting greater awareness and strengthening political and public commitment for forests:

The two events reinforce the importance of the commitment of all stakeholders including the international community, the regional organizations and the national authorities.

Section C: The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (Forest Instrument) and the four Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)

C.1 Please indicate progress in the implementation of the forest instrument:

- Adequate
- Inadequate
- Not sure

C.2 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

All the sources of financing should be found to implement all these forest instrument and the four GOFs. The sensitization must be improved in all countries in particular in the African countries, developing countries.

C.3 Please indicate progress in achieving the GOFs:

	Adequate	Inadequate	Not sure
GOF1 :	X		
GOF2 :	X		
GOF3 :	X		
GOF4 :	X		

C.4 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

Mobilisation and activities toward all actions in achieving the four GOFs should be achieved in all types of forests

C.5 Please explain how implementation of the forest instrument has contributed to the implementation of forest-related international conventions, and vice versa:

As the implementation of the forest instrument takes place after an international consensus it has contributed of forest related international convention.

C.6 Please describe how the forest instrument and the GOFs can contribute to the post-2015 UN development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals:

The goals are similar because all contribute to the post-2015 UN development agenda and SDGs.

Section D: The Forum's Secretariat ..

D.1 Please indicate if you consider the structure, human and financial resources of the compact Secretariat of the UNFF adequate to fulfill its mandates:

- Adequate
- Inadequate
- Not sure

Additional explanation:

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D.2 Please provide suggestion(s) on strengthening the Secretariat of the Forum to enable it to fulfill its functions more effectively:

The effectiveness of the IAF and the fulfillment of the road map are among the strength of the Secretariat of UNFF

Call for the creation of a **landscape restoration fund** at the national level based on an innovative mechanism that would use taxes on transport , tourism and extractive industries as a source of replenishment.

F.2 Please suggest concrete steps that UNFF, CPF members and other organizations should undertake to develop forest financing options:

- Facilitate the exchange of experiences in forest financing

- Ensure long-term sustainability of forest financing at the national level, regional level and further at international level

- Be devised for integration and streamlining into national development plans and strategies

- Include the development of an enabling environment for the private sector.

- Identify the macro level economic growth strategies and consider forestry as one of the priority sectors of the economy