

The Team aims to provide an evidence-based analysis of the achievements with regard to the objectives, strengths and shortcomings of the past and current work within the framework of the IAF.

The IAF team will base its findings, conclusions and recommendations on evidence collected through a combination of tools and information sources. The assessment will be based on mixed methods of inquiry both qualitative and quantitative, which enable the team to acquire an in-depth understanding of results, user groups and implementation dynamics, while getting a sense of representativeness regarding outputs and outcome by the IAF. The IAF team will review documents and collect facts and opinions from countries and a sample of relevant stakeholders, seeking to acquire from UNFF partners.

The IAF team will do its work in three phases:

- The *inception phase*, ending with the inception report, consisting of developing a common understanding amongst team members of the issues relating to its tasks and of gathering more in-depth data and information regarding various aspects of the work of the IAF through background research, in order to scope the review work more accurately (October 2013 - January 2014);
- The *inquiry phase* immediately following the inception phase, which will include reviewing the past performance of the UNFF and its processes since 2010

**Progress Report by Ambassador Saiful Abdullah
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As my colleague Mr. Hoogeveen highlighted, the task before the IAF Team is overwhelming and daunting in terms of the sheer amount of information and complexity of issues to be assessed. However, despite its challenging task, the Team has made tireless efforts over the past four months and has made firm progress to date.

The second series of meetings of the IAF Team were organized from 7 to 11 January 2014 in New York.

These meetings were held in conjunction with the seventh session of the Open Working Group (OWG7) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This provid

The way forward

All members of the Team are working very hard and as a team across five time zones. Based on current progress, we are confident that the Team will dBTI