

SOUTH AFRICA:

POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A NON-LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT (NLBI)

The following are proposed elements for a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests:

Objectives, Principles and Definitions: The NBLI should be based on existing principles which will guide its operations.

The Rio Forests Principles should form the basis for the principles to be developed.

Of especial importance would be

and developing; organs e.g. national and international; etc and the obligation levels for the various categories can be differentiated within the categories.

Possible obligations which could be described :

Development of national forest programmes/national action plans which would show their commitments.

The criteria for preparing these programmes, the funding sources to assist their development, a suggested format could be contained.

Reporting on measures taken to implement the decisions and effectiveness in meeting the objectives of the instrument;

Institutional Arrangements: This needs to be clearly spelt out. The UNFF should be the body to whom reporting is done. The UNFF S

The promotion and strengthening of partnerships to ensure SFM is achieved, including those with the private sector and other major groups

The promotion of co-operation sub-regionally, regionally and continentally

Mechanisms for the provision of financial resources;

International co-operation and assistance.

Should take into account regional needs and specificities

Establish a Plan of Action/Work Programme for periods of years (either three or five year periods) which will address the goals set at UNFF 6 and ensure that