

be followed by a period of review internal and external comments correction and redrafting. UNFF focal points might be requested to check the final product for correctness as regards information concerning their own country.

- ④. Participants stressed the importance of detailed guidelines on reporting and of further sharing of experience between national respondents. In the absence of such detailed guidelines and sharing of experience respondents in the pilot phase had interpreted certain questions in inconsistent ways. The detailed guidelines should not be imposed top-down but proposed by the secretariat on the basis of official mandates and in cooperation with partners and then discussed in detail with those responsible for reporting at the national level. A workshop bringing together the study team and those responsible for preparing national reports should be held possibly in A1B.

- B. The workshop was informed of progress on the Global Core Set of forest-related indicators and took note of its objective to increase clarity and reduce reporting burdens by identifying a small core set which could be used by any agencies responsible for producing and analysing forest-related information. The COPF would finalise the Global Core Set in A1B and present it to UNFF 1". The

- 1A. The workshop reviewed the reporting format used for the pilot and agreed on a number of changes in the light of the experience gained in the pilot phase. The revised reporting format incorporating the workshop's comments is in annex 1.
11. The workshop strongly endorsed the concept of a flagship study in the form of a study focused on progress towards the Global Forest Goals and Targets prepared by UNFF with a wide range of partners. A flagship study is one which is ambitious and visible and addresses the core issues for which an agency is responsible. It should have substance as well as a symbolic importance be well presented and addressed to an audience wider than those who constitute the agency's core constituency. Such a study by UNFF would generate a clear story based on facts and demonstrate the ability of the United Nations to speak with a single voice to major forest issues demonstrating the contribution of forests to the Global Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as the central position of UNFF. It was desirable to maintain momentum from the reporting cycle to the final study. Some extra resources would be necessary for such a study once the principle of a flagship study has been approved the UNFF secretariat should approach potential donors and seek support for the work.
15. The workshop identified a number of advantages which could be expected from a visible and ambitious flagship study building on official data both on outcomes notably through the GFTF and on actions taken to implement the commitments. These advantages could be summarized as follows:
- to provide information for policy decisions focusing on major questions(
 - to assess progress sufficiently
 - to indicate what else is needed
 - Track global progress towards sustainable forest management and the Global Forest Goals and Targets. Progress towards the Goals and Targets at the national level should also be tracked through the reporting process.
 - to promote communication awareness raising of forest issues
 - Put forests on the global agenda
 - to raise the awareness and understanding of the issues of politicians and decision

1". The value added of the flagship study compared to other forest related studies would be(

.ts focus on monitoring global commitments 7/lobal Forest Goals and Targets9

The comprehensive and inclusive nature of the study 7all dimensions of sustainable forest management all countries9

The authority it would have as it comes from the forest policy centre of the UN system working with member states and many partners using officially supplied information

1%. The workshop agreed that 2011 was an appropriate date for the flagship report as it was about 8 years after the adoption of the Goals and Targets and could use

Annex 1

Reporting format - incorporating proposals of the workshop

(proposed format for reporting on progress towards it)

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- A. The year 201B is used as a baseline.
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*Global forest goal 1 and associated targets¹

Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change

Targets

- 1.1 Forest area is increased by 3 per cent worldwide²
- 1.2 The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced
- 1.3 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally

1-1-1- Technical and scientific actions

1.2. How do the actions listed above support the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

1.3. What are the main challenges in achieving goal 1 in your country?

1.A. If your government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 1, please provide brief information.

-1-1- Technical and scientific actions

3.2. What other action is being taken *by the Government* the private

- A.2 Forest-related financing from all sources at all levels" including public "national" bilateral" multilateral and triangular+" private and philanthropic financing" is significantly increased
- A.3 North-South" South-South" North-North and triangular cooperation and public-private partnerships on science" technology and innovation in the forest sector are significantly enhanced and increased
- A.A The number of countries that have developed and implemented forest financing strategies and have access to financing from all sources is significantly increased
- A.B The collection" availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through" for e@ample" multidisciplinary scientific assessments

Questions on Goal 4

A.1 Please describe major actions taken in your country to move towards Goal A and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

A.2 If your government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal A" please provide brief information" including target dates and the progress made thus far.

Progress towards Targets 4.1 and 4.

Global forest goal # and associated targets\$

If yes" please specify if integrated into)

- National sustainable development plans and/or
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If yes" please specify)

Global forest goal % 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 organisations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

Note: Targets 6.1 and 6.2 are not included in this section of the reporting format as they address actions by the international community, not at national level

Associated targets

C.3 Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation are significantly enhanced at all levels

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

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- To generate infor! ation for national reports on for

Success stories

Do you have any success stories relating to the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for forests in

\$ Annex 2

Suggested timeline for a reporting cycle to monitor progress towards the Global Forest Goals and targets

2021) UN Review (s progress towards Global Forest =