The Economic and Social Council*,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2015/33 on the IAF beyond 2015, 2020/14 on the outcome of the fifteenth session of the UN Forum on Forests, 2021/06 on the programme of work of UNFF for 2022-2024, and 2022/17 on the outcome of the seventeenth session of the UN Forum on Forests,

*Welcoming* the progress and achievement made by the Forum, its members and Secretariat, GFFFN, members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, regional and subregional partners, major groups, and other relevant stakeholders towards the objectives of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF), *and in this regard:*

1. **Actions related to the UNFF and its members**
2. *Invites* UNFF and its members to:
3. Work in synergy with other relevant multilateral forest related processes and bodies, in line with their respective mandates.
4. Involve political leaders in the international decision-making process on forest agendas to increase efforts to implement the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI), the UNSPF and achieve the GFGs, and broaden UNFF’s impact and visibility in the broader policy context.
5. Promote cross-sectoral cooperation at all levels.
6. Promote, whenever the logistical arrangement is possible, hybrid in person and virtual formats for conduct of UNFF intersessional activities.
7. Promote participation of high-level officials in UNFF sessions and other global fora on important cross-cutting, cross-sectoral issues, and emerging issues of concern to forests.
8. Promote interactive and productive roundtables among officials.
9. Strengthen, where applicable, existing intergovernmental regional platforms or organizations relevant to the implementation of the UNFF recommendations and the UNSPF, including by enhancing regional and national capabilities.
10. Support inclusive and participatory decision-making modalities at the national level to enable the effective engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and gender inclusivity in the implementation of forest conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management activities.
11. Strengthen the implementation of forest-related national legislation and the provision of means of implementation for sustainable forest management.
12. Strengthen the coordination and working agendas of the UNFF with other forest-related multilateral agreements as well as multilateral agreements working on themes related to forests and other relevant topics.
13. Enhance cooperation, including public-private partnership, at all levels.
14. Improve communication between UNFF Members and the UNFF Secretariat through effective communication tools.
15. *Also Invites* the UNFF to:
16. Continuously provide its inputs into the HLPF sessions reaching other sectors and increasing relevance in promoting sustainable forest management.
17. Increase VNCs’ visibility and sharing of successful sustainable forest management cases at the regional level through online platforms, and social networks.
18. Promote a systematic science-policy interface, to ensure science-based decision-making.
19. Continue providing technical and financial support to strengthen the capacity of Forum members to implement sustainable forest management, considering the specific challenges, in particular of developing countries.
20. **Actions related to the United Nations Forum on Forests secretariat**
21. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to:
    1. Prepare and share an information paper in advance of UNFF sessions, highlighting demands on its workload, identifying needs and gaps, including in human and financial resources and proposals for a workplan for consideration of the Forum.
    2. Further enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies with forest related regional and subregional organizations and processes, and international organizations and bodies, including CPF member organizations, in line with their respective mandates.
    3. Use more frequently the hybrid format for intersessional activities, whenever the logistical arrangement is possible for exchange of information with Members of the Forum and Major Groups and other stakeholders, taking into full account the need for inclusivity and transparency for the virtual meetings.
    4. Facilitate greater synergies with financial organizations and other international cooperation mechanisms, to enhance contribution of forests to address climate change, land degradation, and biodiversity loss, among others.
    5. Share information more frequently with Permanent Missions of Forum members in New York to raise awareness, further highlight the economic, social, and environmental benefits of forests, and increase the visibility of the secretariat’s work.
    6. Share information about positive changes, accomplishments, progressive steps forward, as well as actual challenges to be toward implementation of the UNSPF and achievement of the GFGs.
22. *Encourages* members in a position to do so, to second JPOs to the UNFF secretariat, to address the human resource gaps, following the assessment of secretariat resources referred to in para 3a.
23. **Actions related to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests**
24. *Invites* the CPF and its member organizations to:
    1. Continue to enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on sustainable forest management, and upscale progress and impact on the ground towards sustainable forest management by addressing the interlinkages of climate change, biodiversity, land, among others, and forest agendas in a holistic manner at all levels, considering the outcomes of UNFF and other forest-related fora.
    2. Sharpen the focus of its workplans on the UNSPF and its GFGs, as well as other multilaterally agreed forest-related goals, with clear priorities, actions, joint activities, resources, outputs, and indicators for assessing progress. In this respect, CPF reports to the UNFF could be structured around the GFGs.
    3. Undertake regular assessments of its completed joint initiatives to identify challenges and successes and document lessons learned to share with the members of the Forum, and other stakeholders. This assessment should also include the contributions of the joint initiatives to the GFGs.
    4. Continue to promote dialogue with Major Groups and other stakeholders.
    5. Enhance interaction and communication, including through hybrid format, with members of the Forum, regional and subregional partners, and Major Groups and other stakeholders on its activities by organizing short briefing meetings.
    6. Prepare decisions for their governing bodies on the continuation of collaboration within the partnership, comprising, inter alia, options for strengthening collaboration, such as MoUs.
25. *Encourages* CPF members to engage more actively in the work of the GFFFN, as an effective platform to enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence, and synergies on the work of the CPF in support of the GFGs.
26. *Encourages* non-UN members of the CPF, which are better placed for receiving private sector and philanthropic contributions, to work with those partners to generate funding for the CPF activities.
27. *Invites* the Forum to:
28. Enhance coordination and collaboration among national focal points of different CPF member organizations, send consistent and supportive messages to the work of the CPF in the governing bodies of the CPF member organizations, support funding for the CPF activities, and consider options for further supporting the mandate of the CPF.
29. Adopt a decision in the different governing bodies of the CPF organizations to underscore engagement for the work of the CPF, strengthen the CPF’s mandate and support the work of the CPF.
30. Assess and consider potential pathways and options to strengthen the CPF, including the potential transitioning of the CPF to an interagency coordination mechanism, in a manner consistent with UN provisions, based on the CPF’s assessment and in consultation with Member States.
31. Continue to actively engage CPF and its members in its work, including during UNFF sessions, to promote interaction with CPF members.
32. Prioritize its requests to the CPF to facilitate the work.
    * + - 1. **Actions related to the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network**
33. *Invites* members of the Forum to:
    * 1. Maintain and increase the momentum of mobilizing resources from all sources to forests and generating new and additional resources to reach the desired levels, in particular, by strengthening collaboration with existing multilateral funding mechanisms to support developing countries.
      2. Promote regional approaches to build the capacity of countries in a more strategic manner to seize funding opportunities.
      3. Align financial flows with forest conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management, including cooperation and public-private partnerships on science, technology and innovation in the forest sector, and to engage sectors beyond the forestry sector to unlock sustained finance.
      4. Promote the development and use of innovative financial mechanisms, including payments for ecosystem services and blended finance at national level.
      5. Use the Clearing House as one of several information sources on forest financing.
      6. Recognize, respect, and protect secure forest tenure and/or user rights of both men and women, smallholders, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities when facilitating their investment in sustainable forest management.
      7. Identify pathways to facilitate gender-responsive access to finance for smallholders and Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.
      8. Improve understanding across relevant stakeholders of existing national regulatory frameworks related to SFM investments, in order to leverage additional resources.
      9. Provide adequate incentives to advance sustainable forest management.
      10. Develop green and sustainable financing policies which support and enhance sustainable forest management.
      11. Ensure that national forest financing strategies address the financing needs of different stakeholders/actors as they have distinct/different needs and roles.
34. *Invites* members of the Forum, and others in a position to do so, to:
35. Provide voluntary contributions to the UNFF trust fund to scale up the activities of the GFFFN, including its Clearing House on Forest Financing, and to assist requesting countries and accredited entities in the preparation and finalization of proposals for funding by donors.
36. Consider the results of the UNFF comprehensive staffing review and make recommendations, as appropriate, as to GFFFN staffing.
37. Provide financial support to secure a permanent GFFFN Senior staff to provide adequate and timely support to members of the Forum.
38. *Invites* the Forum to identify key areas for action by the secretariat for implementing the fourth priority of the GFFFN as set out in the UNSPF and the GFFFN guidelines, i.e., contributing to the achievement of the GFGs and targets, as well as priorities contained in the quadrennial programme of work.
39. *Encourages* Forum members:
40. To approach training in forest financing as a long-term commitment that benefits from staff consistency and the periodic renewal of skills.
41. When requesting GFFFN support in developing project proposals for accessing funding from various sources, including multilateral sources, such as the Adaptation Fund, GCF and GEF, to ensure enlisting, from the outset, the full support of an implementing agency or accredited entity and national focal points and national designated authorities.
42. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to:
    * 1. When a request for GFFFN support is received from a country, and in close consultation with the respective country, send an expression of interest to the accredited CPF members, including the targeted funds, such as the Adaptation Fund, GEF through its Operational Focal Point, and GCF, so that a potential accredited entity/implementing agency and the GFFFN and the national authorities can collaborate in the development of the proposals from the inception of the facilitation process.
      2. Publicize more widely the UNFF Clearing House on Forest Financing Quarterly Highlight and cross reference the GFFFN-Clearing House website more visibly at the UNFF website.
      3. Continue to update and maintain the Clearing House on Forest Financing, including its database on forest financial flows, and invite CPF member organizations and Major Groups and other stakeholders to share their lessons learned and best practices and success stories regarding forest financing for publishing on the Clearing House website.
      4. Make use of digital tools and innovations including artificial intelligence (AI) to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of GFFFN activities, when feasible.
      5. Develop a template for assessing the results of the technical assistance provided by the GFFFN to requesting countries as a tool for facilitating future assessment of progress achieved, obstacles confronted, and lessons learned, taking into account contributions to the achievement of the GFGs of the UNSPF and UNFI.
      6. Organize regional capacity-building workshops with designated national focal points and trainers in forest departments on the utilization of the Clearing House who in turn could organize national training Clearing House workshops directed at public and private sector stakeholders.
      7. Provide suggestions on areas that require increased resources to advance sustainable forest management, including by identifying, and drawing attention of the Forum to new and emerging issues and their forest financing needs.
      8. Develop projects and initiatives designed to enhance the achievement of the GFGs and targets, as well as priorities contained in the quadrennial programme of work, in line with the fourth priority of the GFFFN as set out in the UNSPF and the GFFFN guidelines, based on key areas for action identified by the Forum.

1. *Requests* members of the Forum and CPF members to continue to address barriers to accessing finance, including where appropriate governance and coordination.
2. *Invites t*he Green Climate Fund (GCF), Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other relevant multilateral funding agencies, accredited entities to provide assistance to the GFFFN in supporting countries’ access to financing, including by identifying ways of simplifying application procedures, shortening the project processing and approval period.
3. *Invites* the members of the CPF who are accredited to the financing institutions to be engaged more in supporting the work of the GFFFN, including in the elaboration and promotion of project proposals.
4. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat and the GCF, Adaptation Fund and GEF secretariats to work closely on the GFFFN-supported project proposals, which are in the pipeline for review by the GCF and improve coordination and cooperation in the facilitation of project proposals.
   * + 1. **Actions related to the trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests**
5. *Invites* members of the Forum to:
6. Allocate sustainable and consistent extrabudgetary funds to the trust fund, if in a position to do so, so as to provide the UNFF secretariat with reliable foundation to supplement regular budget resources for the performance of its core functions and activities, including in the implementation of the UNSPF and achieving the six GFGs, improving capacity development, regional collaboration on sustainable forest management, communication and outreach, Major Groups and other stakeholder engagement, and ensuring a balanced representation of developed and developing countries at future Forum-related meetings.
7. Explore options to attract new voluntary contributions to the trust fund.
8. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to provide additional information on its workload, and required funding, and prepare optional funding proposal for sharing with donor countries on a regular basis, including for joint activity with CPF member organizations.

**F. Actions related to the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030**

1. *Invites* members of the Forum to continue to work to implement UNFI, and the UNSPF and attach high priority to achieving all the GFGs and targets.
2. *Recognizes:*
   1. That war and other armed conflicts slow down and prevent progress in UNSPF implementation and acknowledges the need to assess the consequences of these conflicts on forests and sustainable forest management.
   2. The specific challenges faced by developing countries and further stress the need to enhance international cooperation to support those countries capacities to monitor, assess and report on the implementation of the UNSPF and the UNFI, and encourages donors and the international community to continue to work together to increase Forum members’ capacity to this end.
3. That inter-sectoral collaboration within each Member State is an important tool to implement sustainable forest management and achieving the GFGs.
4. The contributions and role of Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities, and other stakeholders in the implementation of the UNSPF and achieving its goals and targets.
5. *Emphasizes* that in reporting on the implementation of the UNSPF, all the forest-related multilateral agreements into force should be considered.
6. *Endorses* the timeline for the next reporting cycle to UNFF for 2024-2026[[1]](#footnote-2) (as presented by the UNFFS during the UNFF EGM in June 2023 in UNON, Nairobi-Kenya), and initiate, as soon as possible, activities related to the next reporting cycle, including the establishment of an informal Advisory Group on reporting to UNFF, in an inclusive and transparent manner.
7. *Requests t*he UNFF secretariat to:
8. Disseminate relevant information among members regarding preparation of the VNRs in a timely manner and make use of the information received in the next reporting cycle through producing another report on the GFGs and develop it in a transparent manner.
9. Conduct capacity building activities related to monitoring, assessment, and reporting on GFGs and provide assistance in preparing their national reports.
10. Facilitate exchange of information, including on innovative techniques, technology, and knowledge management related to GFGs among members.
11. *Invites* CPF and its member organizations to:
    1. Advance the ongoing work of the Global Core Set of Forest-related indicators, in particular all Tier iii indicators as they are crucial, to assess progress towards GFG 2 and demonstrate the contribution of forests to sustainable development, all SDGs and all GFGs.
    2. Further enhance coordination, streamline reporting and data sharing activities, and make use of the existing global publications and reports on forests.
    3. Organize a joint workshop on international reporting on forests for focal points of all relevant CPF member organizations.
       1. **Actions related to the contributions of the Forum to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
12. *Invites* Forum members to:
13. Strengthen international cooperation to promote sustainable forest management, including in relation to means of implementation, green finance, technology transfer, sharing best practices, scientific exchange and other activities promoting sustainable forest management.
14. Include forest/UNFF experts on their HLPF delegations and their delegations to key meetings of the three Rio conventions and other relevant international intergovernmental bodies, recognizing the difficulties for delegations, in particular from developing countries.
15. Enhance coordination in capitals between UNFF and HLPF focal points and with New York missions to highlight SDG interlinkages in HLPF preparatory meetings and declarations.
16. Enhance coordination in capitals among relevant focal points to develop complementary and mutually supportive NDCs, VNCs, VNRs, Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)[[2]](#footnote-3), national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and national action programs to combat desertification.
17. Include Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders in their VNR and VLR preparation processes.
18. Advocate concise and impactful inputs from the UNFF to HLPF and the inclusion of a 1–2-page executive summary of key points and commitments, as well as more streamlined and focused templates for intergovernmental inputs to HLPF.
19. Deliver consistent targeted messages on forests and all SDG and GBF interlinkages across ECOSOC bodies, the three Rio conventions, other CPF member organizations, and other relevant intergovernmental fora in which they participate.
20. Discuss at the UNFF sessions the input on SDG interlinkages regarding the cluster of SDGs to be discussed at the following year session of the HLPF to submit the message from the UNFF within the timeframe requested by the HLPF.
21. Consider establishing a UNFF “Major Group and Other Stakeholders” (MGoS) coordination mechanism to strengthen collaboration with the HLPF MGoSs Coordination Mechanism.
22. *Invites* UNFF Bureau in a transparent and inclusive manner and in consultation with the respective regions and Forum members to:
23. Continue to provide timely inputs to the HLPF on SDG interlinkages on behalf of UNFF and focus extra effort on SDG Summit years, and the years during which SDG 15 is under review.
24. Ensure these inputs are concise, targeted, and actionable in the form of “key messages” and policy recommendations that can be inserted “as is” into HLPF declarations, with supporting text attached as needed.
25. Work closely with their countries’ HLPF focal points in capitals and the Permanent Missions in New York to help ensure UNFF key messages are well-reflected in HLPF declarations.
26. Engage with Forum members and other stakeholders to ensure their opinions are taken into account in the preparation of the input to the HLPF on behalf of the UNFF.
27. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to:
28. Assist and facilitate the UNFF Bureau and Forum members with respect to para 26 and 27 above.
29. Prominently post the UNFF Bureau’s annual key messages to HLPF on the UNFF home page and provide accompanying infographics.
30. Include in the documentation for UNFF sessions an analysis of the extent to which UNFF inputs were reflected in the previous year’s HLPF declaration and DESA/OISC reports.
31. Engage early on with the UNFF focal points of members conducting VNRs in a given year to encourage the highlight of all SDG interlinkages.
32. Enhance collaboration with DESA/OISC and the secretariats of the UN regional economic commissions, including for their regional forums on sustainable development, particularly in the context of regional VNR workshops and forest-related intergovernmental inputs to HLPF.
33. Coordinate with CPF members to provide joint input to HLPF with a view to sending consistent “key messages” on forests to HLPF.
34. Enhance collaboration on achieving the SDGs with the secretariats of the three Rio conventions, and other relevant bodies and conventions on forest-related issues of mutual interest, in line with respective mandates.
35. Prepare a concise report and/or targeted communication products suitable for a variety of audiences to highlight the contributions of forests to the SDGs under review in a given year, their interlinkages, especially those with SDG15, and the critical importance of achieving target 15.b to fully realize these contributions, drawing on the FRA and existing studies, including scientific studies by CPF members.
36. *Invites:* 
    1. CPF and its members to coordinate on “topline” key messages to the HLPF on forest interlinkages (benefits and threats) with the SDGs under review in a given year.
37. Major Groups to share SDG interlinkages by engaging early on in their countries’ VNR and VLR preparation processes and working closely with the “organizing partners” of their corresponding HLPF stakeholder group in preparing inputs to the HLPF process.
38. UN regional economic commissions to promote SDG interlinkages, both benefits and challenges, especially through their regional forums on sustainable development.
39. *Requests* the Secretariat of ECOSOC, under the guidance of the President of the Council, to streamline and focus the annual template for intergovernmental inputs to HLPF to facilitate concise, targeted, and actionable inputs for inclusion in HLPF declarations, and DESA-OISC reports and to consider limiting intergovernmental inputs to a maximum of two pages.
    * 1. **Actions related to the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030**
40. *Invites* Forum members, the UNFF secretariat, CPF and its members, regional and sub-regional organizations and Major Groups and other stakeholders to continue their work in implementing the COS of the UNSPF, recognizing the importance of communication in actions related to education, awareness, and advocacy, which cannot be reduced to the dissemination of information.
41. *Strengthens* the professional approach which makes cost-effective use of available resources and of existing and emerging communication options, including the use of innovative and interactive methods, such as collaborations with influencers, surveys, and contests.
42. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to:
43. Make progress in upgrading the structure and content of its website.
44. Develop a communication plan setting out its proposed short-term and medium-term activities in support of implementation of the COS-related objectives, messages and communication channels for different audiences, together with metrics for monitoring and evaluation.
45. Supported as relevant by the CPF, develop short, sharp policy briefs on priority themes identified by members, and to extend its series of flagship publications to highlight the benefits that forests and trees outside of forests bring for other global priorities.
46. Make greater use of its convening power to widen participation in the Forum’s high-level round tables to strengthen engagement beyond the forest-sector.
47. *Recognizes* the need to:
48. Do more to reach out beyond the “forest community” to non-forest sectors to engage with high-level decision makers, and to raise awareness of the GFGs.
49. Develop communication products to raise awareness on the social, economic and environmental benefits of forests in a balanced and integrated manner and on the important role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and groups in vulnerable situations.
50. *Explores* the establishment of a World Sustainable Forest Management Flagship Initiative to identify on a regular basis effective sustainable forest management projects and interventions that contribute to the implementation of UNSPF and deciding to establish an Advisory Committee to support the implementation of this initiative.
51. *Stresse*s the importance of educational and youth outreach activities, both formal and informal education, and the need to help younger generations understand the benefits of forests and trees outside forests and learn about the GFGs.
52. *Invites* members of the Forum to consider opportunities to strengthen advocacy, for example through actions that help high-level politicians and senior government officials to understand better the contribution that forests and trees can make towards achieving wider policy goals.
53. *Recognizes* the need to raise the visibility of the GFGs, develop short, memorable titles for each of the six GFGs similar to those used for the SDGs icons, in consultation with members of the Forum.
54. *Invites* CPF members to continue efforts to raise the visibility of forest-related issues at international forums and meetings, including the HLPF, to continue to seek ways to take initiatives that improve understanding of linkages between the forest sector and other sectors, and to use social media and appropriate publications to help raise awareness of the GFGs.
55. *Encourages* CPF members engaged in the Global Forest Education Initiative, and Forum members to make full use of the opportunities it presents to raise awareness of the importance of forests, and the role of sustainable forest management, through elementary (primary) and secondary school curricula, as well as promoting forest-related studies at the tertiary level.
56. *Invites* regional and sub-regional organizations to consider the possibility of developing regional communication and outreach strategies with messages that reflect regional priorities and needs.
57. *Invites* Major Groups and other stakeholders to continue to use their voices to highlight concerns and propose practical solutions to problems associated with the world’s forests.

**I. Actions related to the involvement of regional and subregional partners**

1. *Invites* the regional and subregional partners to:
2. Sustain support to countries in respective regions to prepare them for UNFF and related sessions under other conventions and frameworks where forests feature strongly and to related UNFF decisions to their work.
3. Pursue engagement of regional or subregional financial institutions, such as regional development/investment banks to expand collaboration on issues related to forests, and to attract funding for their forest-related activities and participation in relevant meetings.
4. Explore options to organize a regional/subregional partner-led initiatives to provide inputs to the Forum and implement regional, subregional, and transboundary forestry initiatives leading to achievement of GFGs.
5. Invite regional and sub-regional organizations and processes to engage major groups and other stakeholders in their forest related activities.
6. *Invites* the Forum, subject to availability of resources, to:
7. Consider ways to enhance support to the regional/subregional partners, including by organizing capacity development workshops on issues such as monitoring of biodiversity reporting on the GFGs and the SDGs, and training workshop on resource mobilization.
8. Devote in its technical sessions, specific meeting to regions, on a rotating basis, to share their experiences and issues related to the implementation of the UNSPF.
9. Engage more actively regional financial institutions/development banks in UNFF sessions to build relationship and networking.
10. Promote cross-regions collaboration and information-sharing on the success stories and best practices on the implementation of the UNSPF and the GFGs.
11. Include regional perspectives in the potential future issues of the Global Forest Goals Report, in a concise manner, such as through case studies, or best practices.
12. Promote interaction between regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations with CPF and Major Groups and other stakeholders.
13. *Invites* the Forum to revise the GFFFN guidelines to enhance the GFFFN’s ability to provide tailored responses to the needs of countries in regions/subregions through making intergovernmental regional and sub-regional organizations eligible to receive the GFFFN support.
14. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to consult regional and subregional partners to better understand their needs and identify actions to address the related gaps and problems.

**J. Actions related to the involvement of major groups and other stakeholders**

1. *Invites* the Forum, the UNFF secretariat and UNFF Bureau to:
2. Hold an inclusive multi-stakeholder dialogue with participation of a wide range of stakeholders and relevant expertise during UNFF sessions.
3. Use UNFF sessions as a platform for exchange of ideas and best practice on how stakeholders could better capture action opportunities from forest related frameworks and track the progress in those frameworks, including for use in future issues of the Global Forest Goal Report.
4. Support countries with collecting data on best practices promoted by local communities and indigenous peoples, including women and youth on tree planting and ecosystem restoration.
5. Organize a capacity building workshop, subject to funding availability, for fundraising for Major Groups and other Stakeholders to implement the UNSPF and achieve the GFGs.
6. *Invites* Forum members to:
7. Engage Major Groups and other stakeholders in advancing sustainable forest management in a more holistic, multisectoral, livelihoods-oriented approach, using other forest-related frameworks such as climate change, and biodiversity to promote the forest agenda and to mobilize resources for it.
8. Include and consider the contribution of Major groups and other stakeholders in all relevant forest-related framework and Global Forest Reports.
9. Support Major Groups and other stakeholders in mobilizing increased financial resources to facilitate their engagement in the implementation of the UNSPF.
10. Provide resources to facilitate initiatives led by Major Groups and other stakeholders to prepare their inputs to the UNFF sessions.
11. *Encourages* the CPF to engage in dialogue and examine joint activities with Major Groups and other stakeholders to promote implementation of the UNSPF in view of achieving the GFGs.
12. *Invites* Major Groups and other stakeholders to:
13. Provide information regarding Major Groups and other stakeholders coordination mechanisms in other fora for consideration of the UNFF.
14. Use the UNFF sessions and related intersessional events as opportunities to explore ways for retaining the practice of intra-Major Groups and other stakeholders’ consultation, without compromising the pace of processes or action.
15. Ensure the internal consultation mechanism allowing for balanced representation of subject matter experts based on transparent and inclusive processes for effective participation in the UNFF.
16. Develop a joint strategy and update their workplans in support of both UNFF policy dialogue and implementation of UNSPF.
17. Share knowledge on their contributions to the UNSPF with all members and stakeholders of the UNFF.
18. Seize opportunities, and securing resources for dialogue or action, including finances.
19. Ensure the adequate representation of Major Groups and other stakeholders from developing countries, including from groups in a vulnerable situation, in the work of UNFF.
20. Explore means to promote partnership with the large-scale forest industry groups.
21. Explore the possibility of generating new and additional funding for sustainable forest management by enhancing the visibility of its benefits in different global agendas.
22. Keep their respective constituencies, and UNFF informed of their actions and the impact.
23. Work in close coordination with Forum members, complementing their endeavors to meet the GFGs effectively.

1. <https://www.un.org/esa/forests/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Note-EGM-reporting-timeline-online-tool.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Voluntary Local Review (VLR) is a process in which local and regional governments initiate voluntarily an assessment of their progress of implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs at the subnational level.  [↑](#footnote-ref-3)