



REDD+ & UNFF Forest Financing Process

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Developments on Forest Financing



- 17 years of intense debate
- Major breakthrough... adoption of the NLBI (forest instrument) and the GOFs
- UNFF9 Special Session resolution => a strategic path to forest financing
- Two significant mechanisms
 - AHEG & Facilitative Process (FP)
 - AHEG 1 (13-17 Sept 2010, Nairobi)

Forests do much more than absorb carbon



- Funding for forests is small if compared to REDD +
- Distortion could undermine comprehensive approach
- Carbon absorption is crucial but forests have many other values



REDD+ relevance to the work of the UNFF on forest financing



- Int'l architecture on financing for forests has undergone major changes
- Significant expectations have emerged on the potential of forest carbon financing
- Potential for REDD+ financing to be a catalyst for broader SFM investments, including public & private ones
- Most CPF members are active REDD+ mechanisms



Why a 360-degree perspective on forest financing is needed?



- Value other forest functions and services –not just timber & carbon
- Intimate connections among forest ecosystems-
cross-sectoral interaction
- Institutional partnerships beyond the forestry sector are required – incl. governments & ministries
- Intersectoral nature of forest financing:
 - not adequately addressed
 - partially acknowledged & rarely implemented



Why a 360-degree perspective is needed? (continued)



- Many causes for lack of financing lie outside of the forest sector (finance, planning, budget...)
- Financial flows outside the forest sector => have both positive & negative impacts on forests
- Forest financing can contribute significantly to the national economy and reducing poverty
- Forests impact on connected sectors, notably climate change



UNFF takes 360° Perspective on forest financing



- the only functional body other than GA with all **192 member states** as members
- UNFF's **Forest Finance Strategy** takes a cross-sectoral perspective
- involving forest & non-forest sectors with a multi-sectoral approach,
- engaging all key actors at all levels
- looking at resources from all sources
- **Partnerships:** Agreements signed with UNCBD & UNCCD Secretariats, (+ GEF, ITTO)



Overview 1st meeting of the AHEG on forest financing



13-17 September 2010

- 165 experts from 60 countries, int'l & regional organizations, & major groups
- 28 presentations by experts (keynote speeches & workshop panellists)
- Extensive exchange of experience & views on various topics & case studies
- Note by the UNFF Secretariat (E/CN.18/2010/2)
- 1st component of work under the Facilitative Process



Draft Report of AHEG-1 & Co-Chairs Summary *17 Sept 2010*



- Co-chairs summary of discussions & their proposals for intersessional activities- Annexed to the Draft Report of the AHEG (*for consideration of UNFF9*)
- Substantive platform of experience, information, ideas & views to base proposals
- Proposals on the scope for further work:
 - forest financing opportunities, gaps & possible modalities, incl. through intersessional actions, analyses & activities to be taken in preparation for the AHEG2
- Intersessional period recognizes work to be carried out following UNFF9, and for AHEG2, & UNFF10





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