



# Regional Cooperation for SFM: UNFF8 Developments

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- Promote SFM & strengthen political commitment
  - Universal membership
  - Supported by Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)
- SFM=360° view of managing forests for economic, social, environ'l benefits
- Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (*forest instrument*)
- 4 Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)

## 8th Session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF8)



- “*Forests in a changing environment (FiCE)*”
  - links btw forests & climate change, deforestation, desertification, loss of forest cover & biodiversity



- “*Means of implementation*”
  - 2 key elements:
    - a global forest fund & a facilitative process
- 1st reg & sub-regional inputs to UNFF

# UNFF8 resolution 8/1: Highlights



- Environmental threats & challenges & their interrelation with forests
- Role of SFM & contribution to poverty eradication
- Forest instrument = integrated framework for implementation
- Coordination among national focal points
- Use NFPs or other strategies to integrate SFM to address FiCE

# Resolution 8/1: Regional Cooperation



Secretariat to:

- promote & facilitate dialogue & cooperation
- develop a strategy to promote N-S, S-S, & triangular cooperation
  - identify options of support
  - S-S not a substitute for, but a complement to N-S
  - Submit strategy to UNFF9



CPF to support S-S initiatives

# Collaboration with regional entities: ECOSOC Res 2006/49



Before 2006: Many examples of S-S initiatives

- UNFF prep meetings, inter-sessionals & panel events
- Regional accreditation
- New regional S-S and N-S networks & partnerships
- CPF & civil society interaction



## Cont. Collaboration: UNFF Res 7/1, 8/1



### After 2006: Rising Cooperation

- 1<sup>st</sup> Region Led Initiative
- 1st SG Report on Regional Inputs: 29 inputs
- Regional event- active discussion
- Exchange of experiences
- Use of website
- Nomination of focal points



# Lessons learned: Realities, Challenges & Partnerships



- Important part of UNFF's work
- Platform for global-regional interaction
- Exchange on implementation in sub-regions & among regions
- Unique reporting source
- Range of interrelated issues & new emerging concerns

# Cont. Lessons learned



- Mix of hardships in regions
- Limited resources
- Varying scope in mainstreaming forest issues
- Political will to pursue SFM
- Commitment to forests & GOFs
- Coordination btw sectors
- Multi-stakeholder & consultative processes

# Opportunities Ahead: Enhancing regional cooperation



- Strategy on S-S, N-S & triangular coop
- SFM tools, S-S processes, & measures for capacity building & TEST
- Promoting implementation
- Inputs to UNFF9 on social development (2011)
- UNFF & CBD focal points
- CPF support
- Communication & education on SFM
- IYB- 2010 and IYF - 2011



**Thank you!**

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