

United Nations Forum on Forests
Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Bureau of the Thirteenth Session
4 December 2017 (2:00 - 4:00 pm), UNHQ, New York

Summary of Key Actions/Decisions

- 1- The Bureau agreed with the proposal of Ambassador Kamau on organizing a one day joint event with the ECOSOC on forests on 8 July 2018 in New York. The Bureau also agreed that the UNFF13 Chair to meet with the President of ECOSOC to discuss the above proposal.**
- 2- The Bureau invited the Kenyan Mission to prepare, with the support of the UNFF Secretariat a objective, participants, outcome, etc. of the Joint Event, for consideration and further discussion among the Bureau Members, via electronic means.**
- 3- The Bureau Members agreed that UNFF13 Chair to meet with the relevant UN senior officials and to find more information about DESA reform proposal and any potential impact on the status of the Forum and its Secretariat. The Bureau Members further agreed that, after receiving this information, they would further discuss this issue.**
- 4- The Bureau agreed to hold its third meeting in conjunction with the CPF International Conference in 20-**

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- The expert meeting on Regional and Sub-regional Input to UNSPF discussed format and periodicity of the regional/sub-regional reports to UNFF and agreed that it should take reference of the UNFF's national reporting and with more general content. It also agreed on recommendations on the inputs for the HLPF 2018. In addition, the participants discussed recent EQHQø'p'xkcvkqp'v'v'WP HH'cpf noted that Member States would be the ones to decide upon this matter.

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website soon.

The Secretariat also added that an expert meeting on the guideline for the operation of the GFFFN is expected to be held in China in March 2018. The concept note and more information would be available for sharing with Member States once finalized.

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Ms. Whelan (Canada) and Mr. Krejzar (Czech Republic) asked for information on the ongoing DESA reform. The Director of the Secretariat provided information on the DESA reform proposal. The Bureau was also informed that the DESA reform had been deferred until the consideration of the Secretary-General's reform of the UN Development system, which was to be released mid-December, as well as the result of consideration of the UN programme and Budget proposal for 2020-2021 by the end of the year.

Ms. Whelan (Canada) expressed her concern that actions to ensure that it would not result in down-grading the Forum and its Secretariat. Such an action would have strong implication on the Forum, especially in light of its recent renewed mandate until 2030, and adoption of the United Nations Strategic Plan on Forests 2017-2030.

Mr. Krejzar also shared the views that further information was needed on the DESA reform and its constituency in making the decision on the next step.

The Bureau agreed that UNFF13 Chair to meet senior UN official on this matter and seek more information on DESA reform proposal, after which the Bureau would make decision on further action, if any.

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The Bureau Members recalled their agreement at the first meeting to hold its next meeting in conjunction with the CPF conference (20-22 February 2018, FAO HQ, Rome).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.