

**“Forest-based transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies; lessons learned and success stories”**

**Event on Forests**

**(An initiative by the UNFF13 Bureau)**

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**Concept Note**

**Background**

human well-being, sustainable development and the health of our planet. An estimated 1.6 billion people, 25 per cent of the global population, depend on forests for subsistence, livelihood, employment and income generation.

Forests provide social, economic and environmental benefits that sustain human well-being and help to build the resilience of communities and individuals. They affect many facets of our daily lives, providing wide-ranging benefits which are particularly critical for the subsistence

## **Key Objectives**

The overall purpose of the event is to stimulate partnerships and create long-lasting synergies among a wide range of stakeholders in accelerating the progress towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the SDGs. Key objectives of the event include:

Promote greater recognition and significance of the implementation of the UNSPF, as an effective vehicle, to achieve forest-related SDGs and address related challenges;

Explore ways and means to accelerate progress towards achievement of forest related SDGs, and the Global Forest Goals of the UNSPF