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Format for United Nations Forum on Forests regional/subregional partners reporting on progress towards the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 and the United Nations Forest Instrument

Consolidate response from the FAO regional forestry bodies

General comments

- x FAO has six Regional Forestry Commissions, covering the whole world. The mandate of these commissions are largely identical and presented below.
- x The response from the commissions contain actions and activities performed by the bodies and their secretariat, which are the FAO Regional Offices
- x The response does not contain activities performed by the FAO headquarters under the Regular Programme or as part of Regional or Global Projects, therefore cannot be considered as a full account of FAO activities in support of the Global Forest Goals. It can however provide a good overview of key activities performed under the aegis of the Regional Forestry Commissions.
- x The responses provide information on both the actions taken by the Regional Forestry & RPLVLRQV DV ZHOO DV WKHLU VHFUHWLUDWV LPSOHP
- x The questionnaire requests information according to the Global Forest Goals and the associated targets. It has to be noted however that hardly any action can be linked with one target, most of the cases not even with one goal. In most cases they impact several goals/multiple targets at the same time. Whenever possible, references were made to other goals and targets but multiple lists
- x The same applies to clustering the actions according to the predefined categories, they often cover more than one category.
- x Policy and legislative actions taken by all commissions are provided separately in these introductory remarks.
- x For obvious reasons the responses place more emphasis on completed and ongoing activities than on new or planned ones, to avoid a too extensive and complex document, which would be very hard to interpret
- x The questionnaire leaves room for interpretation and therefore some conceptual differences may occur between the responses from the different regions. It is proposed to clarify these differences



observed in the course of analyzing the regional responses of the 2019 reporting be taken into consideration for streamlining future reporting exercises.

General elements of the response applicable to all FAO Regional Forestry Commissions

FAO services the following Commissions:

- [African Forestry and Wildlife Commission \(AFWC\)](#)
- [Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission \(APFC\)](#)
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