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What are the achievements of the Secretariat in carrying out its functions and in making progress towards the objectives of the international arrangement on forests, as defined in ECOSOC resolution 2015/33?

- Provided support to the international policy dialogue on sustainable forest management
- facilitated cooperation and coordination on global forest issue
- Provided the focal point on all forest-related issues for the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Has Served as the Secretariat for the Collaborative Partnership on Forests
- Securing limited financial support to member states focal points to attend inter sessional meetings

What are the gaps in and the existing capacity of the secretariat with a view to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of its operations, strengthening its capacities, gaining a better understanding of its decision-making processes and procedures, and amplifying the impact of its activities?

- The human capacity has been constraining the operation of the secretariat in terms of programme development and providing backstopping services to the member

What are your suggestions to enhance the effectiveness of the UNFF Secretariat in carrying out its functions and in making progress towards the objectives of the international arrangement on forests, and enhance collaboration and synergies, and reduce duplication?

- Recruitment of additional technical personnel
- Seconding of staff from willing and well-staffed member states to the secretariat

Since 2015 what is your assessment of the extent of progress on CPF's contribution to the IAF objectives as defined in ECOSOC resolution 2015/33?

- CPF has played a commendable role in contributing to SFM through technical assistance, funding, programme and project development, monitoring and reporting

In the table below kindly indicate your assessment of the effectiveness, impact and added value of the activities, in particular, Joint Initiatives of the CPF as outlined in its workplan (2017-2020).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of assessment report • Peer reviewed assessment report 	forestry sector as well as supporting Financially
4	Global Forest Information Service	Streamlined and developed the FRA 2020 processes	The forest resource assessment process has been at the core of FAO processes and has shaped it very well. As Kenya we have even managed to undertake our country's forest resource assessment due to improved capacity in the country
5	CPF meetings, side events & OLLs	Organised Working Meetings	

In your view, how can the CPF provide greater support for policy development and implementation of UNFF resolutions/decisions and in particular assist countries in the implementation of the UNSPF.

- Conducting regional meetings and sharing new and emerging knowledge products

Challenges and Constraints

- COVID 19 pandemic which curtailed tree planting activities
- Reduced funding for the forestry sector activities
- Climate change related drought

What challenges and constraints did your country face in the preparation of its voluntary national report? If it did not prepare a report, what were the reasons?

In your view, what are the top three areas in which regional and sub regional partners have made the most important contributions to SFM policy development and dialogue since the 15th session of the UNFF?

- 1) Development of the EAC forest Policy and climate change strategy
- 2) Convening of the EAC sectoral council on Environment and Natural resources meetings

What are prime examples of regional and sub regional partners successfully contributing to the practical achievement of GFGs under the UNSPF 2017-2030? [*alone or in partnership with governments or business community*]

Q Given the power for good of the business and philanthropic communities, what are the key efforts of regional and sub-regional partners to partner with them? [*both within and outside the Business Council for Sustainable Development (UN-BCSD)*]

In your view, what are the top three areas ity