



The UN Forum on Forests:

A 360-degree Perspective on Forests

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Forests: A Safety Net for the Rural Poor



- Forests provide for daily subsistence needs of 1.6 billion people – those most marginalized by the global economy
- Clean water, building materials, employment, food, medicine, cultural and spiritual values
- We often fail to comprehend the importance of forests to people





Forests: Atlas of Planet Earth

- Most important terrestrial reservoir of biodiversity home to a very high level of biomass, primary resource base for timber
- Forests degradation and deforestation contribute to 18-25% of global greenhouse gas emissions, affects local climate, soil fertility, water rainfall patterns soil erosion
- Consequences: poverty, famines, unregulated urbanization, social & political conflict, freshwater scarcity, climate change





UNFF in a Nutshell

- Holistic approach to all types of Forests
- All stakeholders play important roles
- UNFF's comprehensive strategy is a 360-degree approach





A 360-degree Perspective



- Need to think outside the box and take a cross-sectional perspective
- Just like ecosystems are interconnected, so we should establish institutional partnerships beyond the forest sector





360-degree Perspective in Practice

- UNFF's **Forest Finance Strategy** takes a cross-sectional perspective
- **Partnerships:** Agreements signed with UNCBD and UNCCD Secretariats (+ GEF)

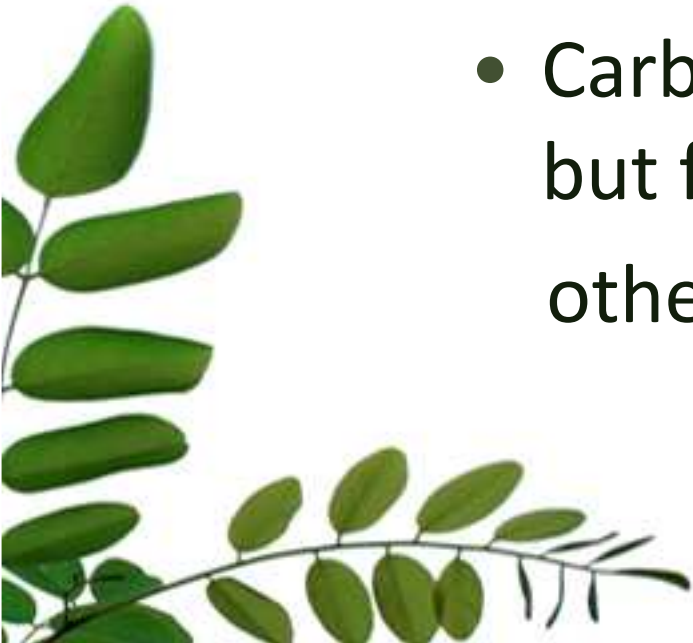




Forests do much more than absorb carbon



- Funding for forests is small if compared to REDD +
- Distortion could undermine comprehensive approach
- Carbon absorption is crucial but forests have many other values





UNFF9 on 24 Jan – 4 Feb 2011

(United Nations Headquarters, New York)



- Theme: Forests for people
- High Level Ministerial Segment
- Launch of Forest 2011 (International Year of Forests 2011)
- Right place for “forests” in Rio+20 outcome





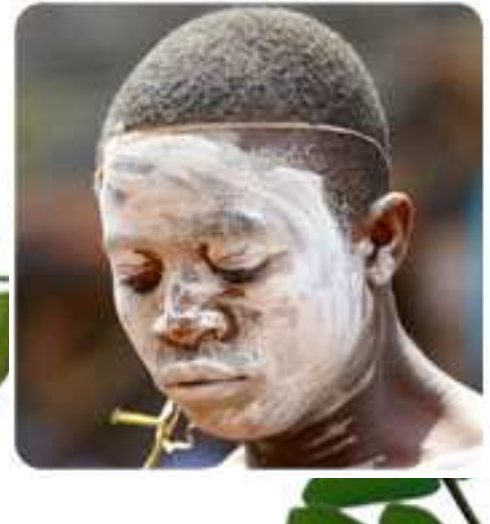
**INTERNATIONAL YEAR
OF FORESTS • 2011**



A year-long celebration



- Forests 2011 = celebration of all things forests
- Showcasing “Forests for People” success stories and innovative solutions
- Galvanize greater public awareness & participation
- A Win-Win opportunity to put forests on the radar - raise awareness
- A Strategic Communications Approach (global branding, promotional materials, events, website, partnership)
- Forests 2011 Film Festival





Country/region level activities



- Will be showcased on the Forests 2011 website (September 2010)
- Tree planting
- Forestry fairs and exhibitions
- Photo, art, writing completions and forest triathlons
- Publications: books, brochures & educational materials





Concluding Remarks

- Forests provide livelihoods for 1.6 billion people with potential for mitigating climate change
- 360-degree perspective requires building partnerships beyond forests
- Forests 2011 provide opportunity to create awareness for forests and people,





Thank You!

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