



# Mapping the latest global and regional policy developments

Forest Europe process, EU legislation, UNFF, and SDGs



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4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Forest Policy  
(Forest Policy Network)

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# Forest Europe Process

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## **Expert Level Meeting:** 28—29 Nov 2017, Bratislava, Slovakia

- The Roundtable Meeting on LBA postponed to September 2018 in Bratislava. The ELM mandated the Liaison Unit to specify the exact date.
- ELM provided recommendations for future direction of Forest Europe

**Workshop:** Enhancing the long-term competitiveness of the forest sector in a green economy: Policies for forest-based bioeconomy in Europe, 29 May 2018, Brussels, Belgium

**Link:** <http://foresteurope.org/events/#1472574436349-d9e27476-b5f8>



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### Renewable Energy Directive proposal (2021-2030)

- By 2030, EU should boost energy efficiency by 35%
- Renewable energy sources should account for 35% of total consumption
- MEPs vote to ban palm oil in biofuels from 2021
- Biomass: support schemes for renewable energy from biomass to be designed to avoid encouraging the unsustainable use of biomass for energy production if there are better industrial or material uses. For energy generation, priority should therefore be given to burning wood wastes and residues.



### Renewable Energy Directive proposal (2021-2030)

- A summary and links to relevant documents can be found [here: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-resilient-energy-union-with-a-climate-change-policy/file-renewable-energy-directive-for-2030-with-sustainable-biomass-and-biofuels](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-resilient-energy-union-with-a-climate-change-policy/file-renewable-energy-directive-for-2030-with-sustainable-biomass-and-biofuels)
- Each member state must notify an integrated national energy and climate plan to the EU Commission. The first plan must shall cover the period from 2021 to 2030. The following plans must shall cover the ten-year period
- Now Council and EP will have to negotiate a compromise legislative proposal



### **LULUCF Regulation proposal the 2030 climate and energy framework**

- Introduces binding commitments to GHG emission reduction in forestry and land use
- Promotes the enhanced use of harvested wood products with long life cycle
- Emissions related to biomass use are reported and accounted for under the LULUCF
- A summary of the process can be found here: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-resilient-energy-union-with-a-climate-change-policy/file-lulucf-regulation> including the positions of the Council, the EP and the preliminary agreement between them from December 2017.

# UNFF Process and UNSPF

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### UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF) 2017-2030

- UN General Assembly adopted the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, in April 2017
- The UNSPF represents the first strategic UN-system-wide plan for forests, a significant part of which includes utilizing the SDG-lens to reach a sustainable future by 2030.
- The UNSPF incorporates 6 Global Forest Goals and 26 associated targets, which calls for ambitious, deliberate, UN-wide action for implementation.
- UNSPF provides a roadmap for the implementation of the SDGs, the Paris Agreement, and other international agreements.
- MSs noted the need to avoid additional reporting burdens and duplication, some called for maximizing the use of existing reporting mechanisms, including the FAO's FRA, and building upon existing criteria and indicators.



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### 12th session of United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF 12), New York, 1- 5 May 2017

- UNFF 12 was a technical session; included panel discussions, with a wide range of interdisciplinary expertise. Which were focused largely on forests' contribution to SDG1 (poverty eradication), SDG2 (food security) and SDG5 (gender equality)
- MSs welcomed the adoption of the UNSPF and the 4POW by the UNGA, and provided an overview of national actions contributing to the implementation of the UNSPF and the SDGs.



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## Expert Meeting on Regional and Sub-Regional Input to the UNFF, in 20-21 November 2017, Nairobi, Kenya.

- The main objective of the expert group meeting was to enhance contributions of the regional and sub-regional partners to the implementation of the UNSPF and the 4PoW. In this context:
- the format and content of written input to UNFF sessions, including a possible dedicated questionnaire;
- provision of substantive input of the Forum to the HLPF 2018;
- exchange of views on COFO's invitation to UNFF



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The thirteenth session of the UNFF (UNFF 13) will be held from 7-11 May 2018, in New York

- Report on the outcome of the CPF International Conference
- Substantive input from the Forum to HLPF 2018
- Nairobi EGM reporting
- UNSPF implementation

Link for UNFF events and documents:

<http://www.un.org/esa/forests/events/index.html>

# Agenda 2030 and SDGs

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High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2018, 9-18 July 2018, New York

The theme: “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”

Three-day ministerial meeting of the forum, 16-18 July 2018

- Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- And Goal 17. Global Partnership for Sustainable Development



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### Agenda

- <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>

### Knowledge Platform

- <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

### SDG 2017 Report

- <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/files/report/2017/TheSustainableDevelopmentGoalsReport2017.pdf>



Thank you!



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