

## Concept Note

Expert Meeting on the Contribution of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN) to the Implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests (UN-FF) (2015-2020)

Chengde, China) 15-16 March 2015

The United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (UNFFS) will convene an expert meeting with financial support from China to discuss guidelines for the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN) and how to enhance its contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests (UN-FF) (2015-2020) and the Forum's Strategic Plan (2015-2020).

, background

. At the special session of its ninth session in 2010, the Forum decided on the means of implementation of sustainable forest management. It decided to establish a facilitative process aimed at mobilizing financing for SF 1 -

. At its eleventh session in 2012, the UNFF decided to establish a Facilitative Process and rename it the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network or GFFFN (see 45/2012 and 45/CN.4/65/Rev.1/Add.9 to 9)

- (a) Promoting the design of national forest financing mechanisms and resources for SF 10
- (b) Facilitating access to existing and emerging financing mechanisms, including the Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- (c) Serving as a clearing house on existing financing mechanisms, opportunities and as a tool for sharing lessons learned from projects-

. According to the resolution, special consideration should be given to





Expected output

- & Proposed guidelines for the operation of the GFFFN=
- & Recommendations on measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the GFFFN-
- . Background study: will be prepared for the meeting- The outcome of the expert group meeting will provide substantive inputs for the Secretariat(s) Note to the S'