

Midterm Review of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF)

**Assessment E: Actions related to the Trust Fund for
the UN Forum on Forests**

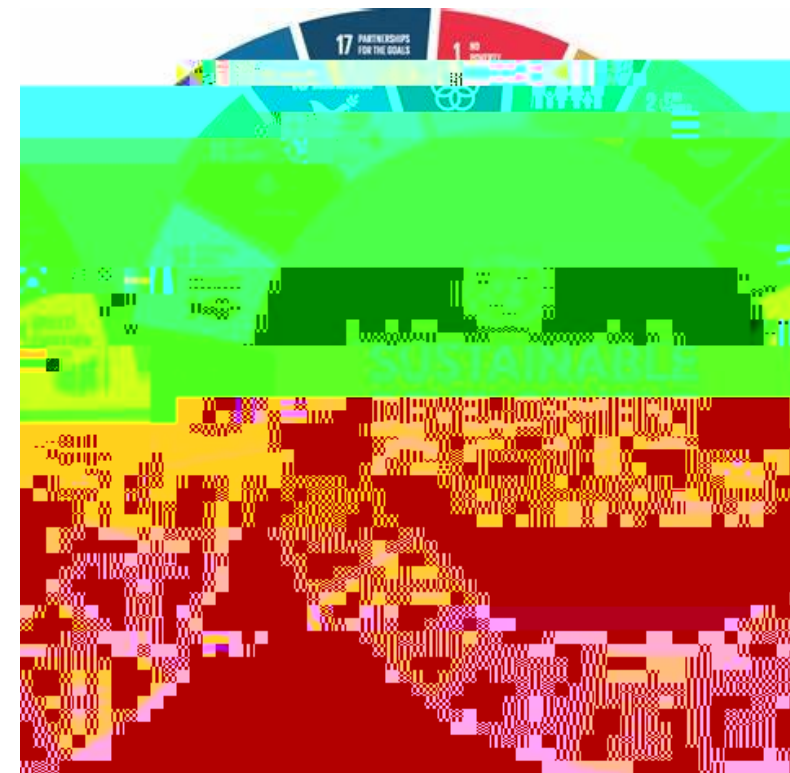
(ECOSOC Res. 2022/17, Annex, item E)

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Presentation Outline

- Ø Brief introduction
- Ø Assessment and findings
- Ø Recommendations



Introduction – Assessment E actions

1. Assess the impact of voluntary contributions to the UNFF trust fund on supporting the core activities of the UNFF.
2. Explore options to encourage sustained and adequate contributions to the trust fund.
3. Identify the key challenges and constraints with regard to mobilizing adequate resources for the trust fund.

Introduction – Sources of information for assessment E

1. Review of documents/info on UN-related websites (UNFF, DESA, and others)
2. Review of documents/info provided by UNFFS and
3. Responses to consolidated survey developed by consultants to gather views from UNFF members & partners on actions A to J (Annex to res. 2022/17)

Survey included 3 Questions on assessment E

19 Member States, four organizations, and one Major Group responded to the questionnaire E.



1. **Average annual contributions to Trust Fund have been decreasing.** From 2000 to 2014, the Trust Fund received a total amount of USD 20 million. This signifies an average annual contribution of USD 1,428,571. From 2015 to 2021, the Trust Fund received a total amount of USD 7,050,457. This represents an annual average of USD 1,007,208, which is 30% lower than previous time-period.
2. Through this continued annual contribution to the Trust Fund, it was possible for the Secretariat to get **supplementary posts to fill the gaps related to the Secretariat's capacity**, and more importantly to support and provide

The UNFF Secretariat depends on a **limited number of donors and financing mechanisms**

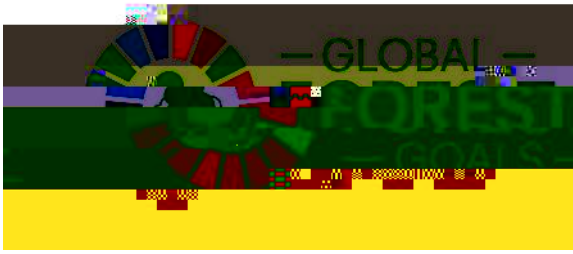


Assessment of the UNFF Trust Fund – Political support

It is encouraging to note that the human and budgetary resources needed by the UNFF Secretariat to support the Forum and its member States have been recognized and highlighted in various UN resolutions, including the Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33.

With this recognition, hopefully, the Members States and organizations will continue to provide their political and financial support to the UNFF Secretariat through significant funding to the Trust Fund and through other mechanisms such as in-kind contributions.





Thank You!

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