

A photograph of a forest floor covered in vibrant green moss and small saplings, with a semi-transparent text box overlaid in the center. The background shows a dense forest with tall trees and dappled sunlight.

Overview of Activities of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN)

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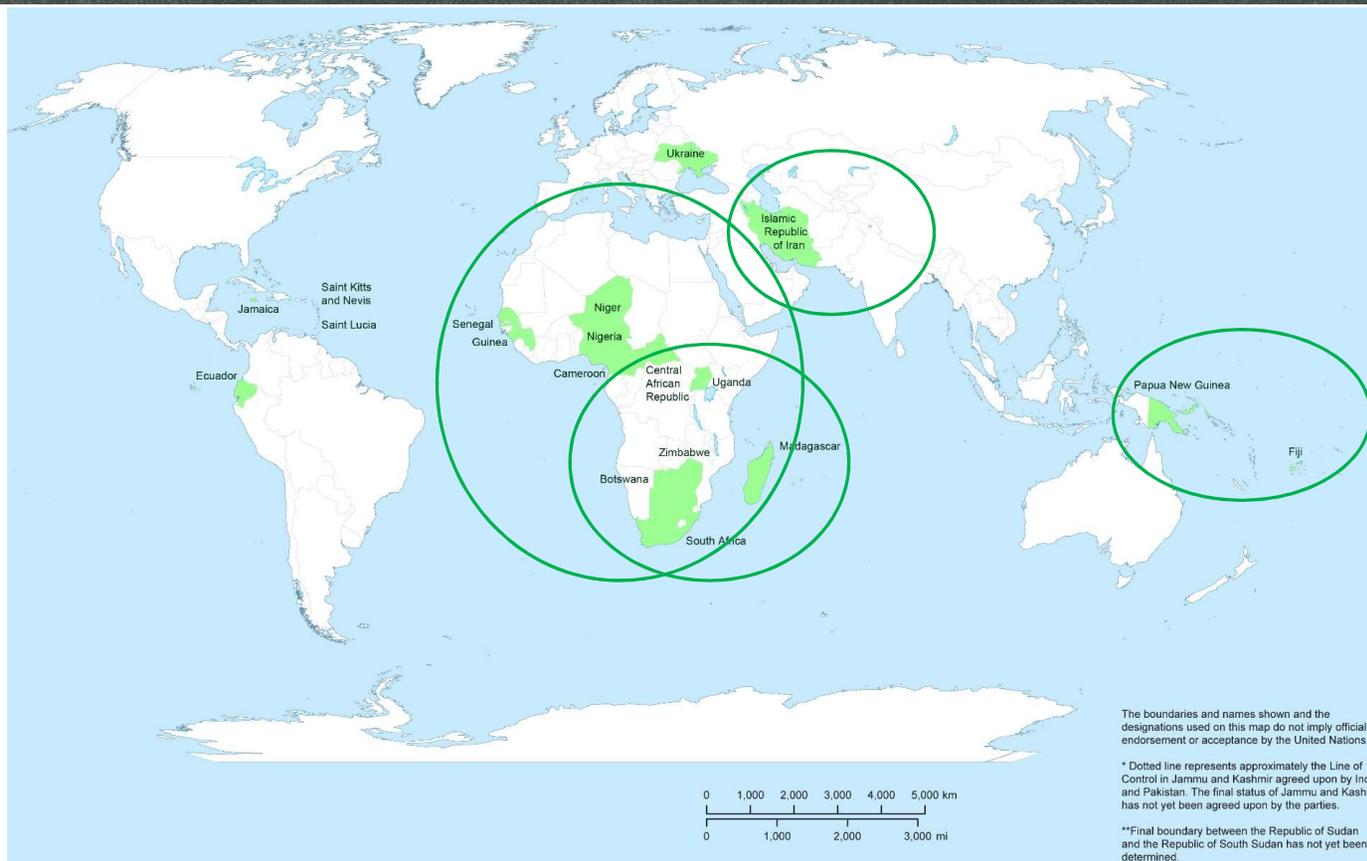
Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network

- UNFF11 Resolution (May 2015): Strengthened and upgraded the Facilitative Process into the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN)
- The Strategic Plan on Forests lists priorities for GFFFN:
 1. Promote & assist design of national forest financing strategies
 2. Assist countries in mobilizing existing financial resources
 3. Serve as a clearing house and as a tool for sharing lessons & best practices
 4. Contribute to the achievement of the global forest goals and targets as well as priorities contained in the Quadrennial Programme of Work (4POW).
- The Quadrennial Programme of Work includes priority actions for UNFF13:
 1. Progress on the activities and the operation of the GFFFN
 2. Guidelines for the operation of the GFFFN
 3. Measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the GFFFN

GFFFN subregional and bilateral support

Partner countries:

- Botswana
- Cameroon
- CAR
- Dominica
- Ecuador
- Fiji
- Guinea
- I.R. Iran
- Jamaica
- Madagascar
- Niger
- Nigeria
- PNG
- Saint Kitts
- Saint Lucia
- Senegal
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- Zimbabwe



Countries/regions which requested GFFFN support (pending funds):

- Cote d'Ivoire
- South Africa
- Thailand
- COMIFAC

Regional and Subregional training:

- African Union
- ECO
- SADC
- SPC

Modus Operandi

After a partner country submits a request and based on availability of funds:

1. Background study and stakeholder consultations
2. Training workshop on formulating financing strategies/project concept
3. Team of consultants support design of strategy/concept
4. Validation workshop to endorse the strategy/project concept

UNFF conducts first workshop

THE United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) is for the first time, conducting a workshop in collaboration with the Papua New Guinea Forest Authority (PNGFA) in PNG.

Titled 'UNFF Capacity Building Workshop on Project Design in Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) in PNG' the workshop got underway on Monday February 6 and ends on Friday February 10.

Speaking at the workshop director for Policy and Planning at the PNGFA Dr Ruth Turia, said: "This is the first time PNG is being assisted by the UNFF in the country. We have attended a lot of meetings in New York, United States, which is the UN headquarters, but not in PNG.

"PNGFA is grateful that UNFF has come to PNG to run this workshop which will greatly equip PNGFA officers in upholding their duties.

"However, the workshop is also being attended by officers from Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) and Climate Change Development Authority (CCDA)," Dr Turia said.

She said the basic idea of this workshop is to get government officers to identify and formulate a project pro-



PARTICIPANTS of the first ever UNFF workshop in collaboration with PNGFA which is currently underway in Port Moresby.

posal that can be submitted to donor partners to consider and fund.

"For this workshop, we are focusing on the Green Climate Fund which is the funding agency we hope to submit this project proposal to," she added.

Facilitator and UNFF officer Ben-

jamin Singer said the workshop will focus on a small number of international donors including the Green Climate Fund but the building blocks will be applicable for formulating projects for many other donors internationally, bilateral and regionally.

Cooperation and Coordination

▪ CPF members and other international entities

- GEF, GCF
- AfDB, FAO, IUCN, UNDP and UN-Environment
- UNCCD Secretariat
- UN-REDD Programme

▪ Member States

- Government of China

▪ Substantive Support

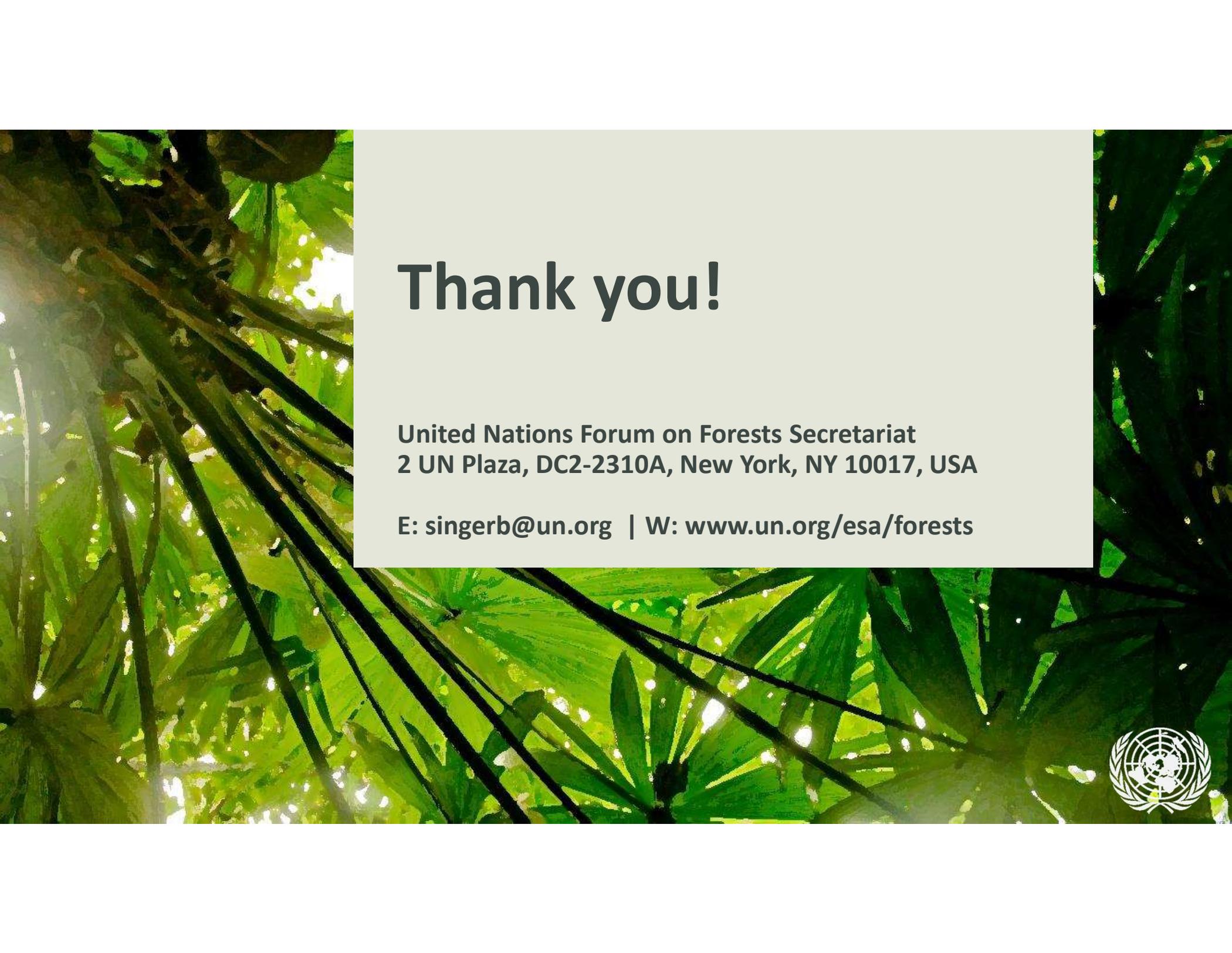
- UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance
- Interagency task force on financing for development which monitors the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Results



GFFFN: Impact and lessons learnt

- **Effectiveness of working directly with individual countries:** allows targeted, tailor-made capacity building that meets specific country needs in forest financing
- **Complementary impact of subregional assistance:**
 - Sub-regional training acts as an enabler by increasing awareness
 - There is demand for multi-country strategies and projects (*e.g.*, GEF)
- **Synergy between forest financing strategies and project concepts:** National forest financing strategies often form a framework in identifying financing needs based on a country's forest development priorities in the NFP/NAP, therefore enabling countries to target specific sources of financing, including multilateral financing mechanisms and blended finance, more effectively.
- **Partnerships:** need to **engage further with implementing entities and agencies accredited** with the GEF and GCF, both at international and country levels (*e.g.*, UNDP, IUCN, AfDB)



Thank you!

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