

United Nations Forum on Forests
Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Bureau of the Twelfth Session
20 January 2017 (7:00 - 9:00 pm), UNHQ, New York

Summary of Key Actions/Decisions

Provisional Agenda

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- 2- Update by the Co-Chairs on the work of the UNFF working group**

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

Mr. Peter Besseau, Chair of the UNFF12 Bureau, welcomed members of the Bureau and the Secretariat to the fourth meeting of the UNFF12 Bureau held in conjunction with the Working Group and the Special Session of the Forum held at UNHQ, New York.

The provisional agenda of the fourth meeting was adopted.

2. Update by the Co-Chairs on the work of the UNFF working group

The Bureau invited Ambassador Hans Hoogeveen, Co-Chair _____, to provide an update on the work of the Working Group.

The Co-Chairs underscored the significance of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF), adopted at the Special Session on the basis of the proposal submitted by the Working Group along with the Quadrennial Programme of Work of the Forum (4POW) for the period 2017-2020, highlighting its universal and UN system-wide nature, the inclusion of the six Global Forest Goals and its 26 associated targets, including a numerical target on forest area, roles and responsibilities, as well as means of implementation, involving all partners and stakeholders at all levels.

The Bureau welcomed the outcome of the Working Group and expressed its appreciation to the leadership of its Co-Chairs. The Bureau stressed the importance to capitalize on the momentum generated by the successful conclusion of the Working Group and the Special Session, and initiate and promote the implementation of the UNSPF.

The Secretary informed that the Council is scheduled to meet in April 2017

UN Strategic Plan for Forests, monitoring, assessment and reporting; means of implementation for sustainable forest management; enhanced cooperation on forest-

The Bureau held a discussion on possible issues and decisions to be considered at UNFF12, taking into account the outcome of the Working Group and Special Session of the Forum. The Bureau considered options for the modality and format of the meeting, including a possibility to hold parallel meetings during UNFF12, to maximize interaction among participants and ensure sufficient time for discussion.

The Bureau also discussed ways to enhance the participation and involvement by the private sector in the work of the Forum. The Bureau agreed to invite a limited number of select high-level representatives from the private sector, particularly from industries and philanthropic organizations, to participate in UNFF12, and seek