

**United Nations Forum on Forests  
Bureau of the Ninth Session (UNFF9 Bureau)**

**Minutes of the Fifth Meeting**

Sunday 12 September 2010  
High Commission of Malaysia  
58 Red Hill Road, Gigiri,  
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Nairobi-Kenya

**Participation**

**Bureau Members:** Mr. Arvids Ozols, Mr. Ingwald Gschwandtl, Mr. Raymond Harold Landveld, Mr. Zainol Rahim Zainuddin, and Mr. Ndiawar Dieng.

**UNFF Secretariat:** Ms. Jan McAlpine, Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi, Mr. Benjamin Singer, Ms. Ninon Thermidor, and Ms. Edith Niamke

**Other:** Mr. Jan Heino and Mr. Macharia Kamau

The agenda of the fifth meeting of the Bureau was the following:

- 1- Preparation for the UNFF9: Preliminar

## **1- Preparation for the Ninth Session of the UN Forum on Forests: Preliminary programme of work of the UNFF9**

The Bureau received a draft programme of work of the UNFF9 for the period 24<sup>th</sup> January – 4 February 2011, prepared by the secretariat. According to the draft programme of work, all agenda items of the UNFF9 and relevant Secretary General's reports and other official documents will be introduced in the plenary sessions on 24 and 25 January 2010. During these days, two mandated panel on food, energy, and economic challenges as well as the panel on regional input will be held as well. The morning session on 26 January is allocated to Multi-Stakeholders Segment. In light of the tight schedule of the UNFF9, Ms. McAlpine, the UNFF Director urged the Bureau to invite the major groups to use the allocated time for the multi-stakeholders dialogue more efficiently.

From the afternoon of 26 January, detailed discussions on agenda items will be followed in two parallel working groups. Working group one will consider the main theme of the session (forests for people, livelihood and poverty eradication). This group will also conduct the discussions and negotiations on a draft ministerial declaration, as well as the discussion on the IYF. It was proposed that two Bureau Members namely; Mr. Zainol Zainuddin (Malaysia) and Mr. Ingwald Gschwandtl (Austria) co-chair this working group. It was also proposed that working group 2 to be co-chaired by two Bureau Members: Mr. Raymond Harold Landveld (Suriname) and Mr. Ndiawar Dieng (Senegal). This group would be responsible for age

arrangements for the high level segment. In light of heavy agenda for the high level segment, the Bureau also invited cooperation of Member States to ensure efficient time management during this segment.

*Decision:* The Bureau agreed with the proposed programme of work as well as division and allocation of tasks among working groups. The Bureau also agreed on the need to further work on organizing the high level segment in a most productive and efficient manner.

## **2- List of Invitees for the High Level Segment of the UNFF9**

The Bureau was informed of potential invitees for the high level segment of the UNFF9. The list was not a final one and includes a number of high officials who had indicated

Mr. Ozols thanked the Bureau Members, the Co-Chairs and the Secretariat for their active participation in the meeting. He then adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.