State of the World’s Forests 2012

Forests at the heart of a sustainable future
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Rio+20, forests and a greener economy

• Renewed commitment to sustainable development
• Sustainable production and consumption
• “Green economy” – low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive
• Forest products and services for sustainable development
SOFO 2012

• Review of previous SOFOs
  ➔ importance of forests for a sustainable future
• Forests and the evolution of the modern world
  ➔ deforestation, economic development and sustainability
• Forests, forestry and forest products
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Forests and forestry: Lessons from the past

- Economic development → deforestation → stabilization
- 300 years of sustainability concept in forestry
Forests and forestry: Lessons from the past

- From sustained yield to sustainable forest management (SFM)
- SFM as a dynamic concept
Forests for a sustainable future

• Need for a new paradigm for economic development

• Forests and forestry for a greener future
Potential of forest products

- Wood: Reusable, recyclable, versatile, biodegradable, stores carbon
- Non-wood forest products:
  - Bamboo, rattan and cork
  - Food from the forest
1. Plant trees and invest in ecosystem services

2. Promote small and medium forest enterprises and gender equality
Strategies for a sustainable future

3. Use wood for energy

4. Reuse and recycle wood products

5. Enhance communication and coordinate development across sectors
Points for consideration

• Invite countries to take into account the key messages of SOFO 2012 by integrating forests and forestry into their policies, programmes and strategies for greening the national economy.

• Invite the UNFF to consider the findings of SOFO 2012 at its 10th Session on Forests and Economic Development.

• Recommend FAO to support countries in enhancing the contribution of forests and forest products to economic development.
Points for consideration

• Request FAO to decide on the focus of SOFO 2014 with a view to supporting the review of the international arrangements on forests in 2015 and invite UNFF to consider SOFO as a major source of information for that review

• Consider the findings and main messages of SOFO 2012 in the deliberations on Agenda Items 5 and 6
Thank you!