

## **AUSTRALIA:**

### **Indicative Elements of a Voluntary International Instrument to Promote the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of all Types of Forests.**

#### 1. Preamble/Context/Scope

- Recognition of global, regional and national importance of forests, sustainable development and poverty alleviation
- Political commitment to collectively address unsustainable rates of deforestation, protect forest biodiversity, meet human needs for forest products and services and enhance livelihoods associated with sustainable forest management
- Sovereign rights and responsibilities of Nations in respect of forests
- Relationship of instrument to UNCED Forest Principles, IPF and IFF proposals for action, UNFF mandate and decisions.
- Relationship to other international instruments relevant to forests
- Scope of Instrument

#### 2. Shared Global Goals

- Insert the text from the UNFF-6 report.

#### 3. General/Global Principles of Sustainable Forest Management

- Balancing social, economic and environmental aspects of forest management
- Key principles for each of the seven themes for sustainable forest management
- Rights of Indigenous People
- Equitable sharing of benefits
- Role of Native Forests and Plantations
- Use of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management
- Role of Forest Certification Schemes
- Provision of Information
- Role of Research and Development
- Responsible International Trade

#### 4. National Policies

- Commitment to identify and implement relevant strategies and actions at the national level to contribute to attainment of global goals
- Commitment to develop and implement a National Forest Programme or equivalent
- Commitment to effective cross-sectoral planning and co-ordination on issues that affect forests
- Commitment to work with relevant stakeholders to progress sustainable forest management
- Commitment to assess and implement relevant intergovernmental decisions on forests including the IPF/IFF Proposals for Action and decisions of UNFF
- Commitment to create a stable enabling environment to attract capital for the forest sector

- Commitment to implement effective forest law and governance processes
- Commitment to monitor, assess and report progress nationally and internationally under a harmonized global monitoring, assessment and reporting framework
- Commitment to participate in global and regional UNFF processes
- Commitment to facilitate international cooperation and assistance for forest related programs
- Commitment not to facilitate trade in forest products derived from illegal harvesting

#### 5. Means of Implementation

- Roles of governments and stakeholders
- National mechanisms to generate resources for sustainable forest management
- Public-private sector partnerships
- International co-operation and assistance
- Other international funding mechanisms
- Regional co-operation and input to UNFF processes
- Capacity Building
- Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies
- Special requirements for developing countries, countries with economies in transition and low forest cover countries
- International mechanisms to facilitate better exchanges of experiences and good practices
- International mechanisms to address global issues such as the trade in illegally sourced forest products

#### 6. Institutional Modalities

6. Roles of global and regional UNFF processes
7. Involvement of major groups
8. Role of UNFF Secretariat
9. Engagement with and facilitation of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests
10. Harmonization of Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting processes
11. Mechanisms to enhance co-ordination of international initiatives and programmes that affect forests
12. Review of International Arrangement on Forests and Voluntary Instrument in 2015

#### 7. Adoption of Instrument