

Title	Global Forest Goal 5 of UNSPF and development of Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs) in Asia-Pacific
Organizer	United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)
Type of event	Workshop
Venue	Room 305
Date/Time	Tuesday, June 18; 15:30-17:00
Event description	
<p>The United Nations Strategic Plan for Forest 2030 (UNSPF) was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2017 and has 6 Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and 26 Associated targets to be achieved by 2030. Global Forest Goal 5 focuses on promotion of governance to implement the UNSPF. Enshrined in the UNSPF is the concept of Voluntary Nations Contributions (VNCs), as the framework for countries to communicate their individual commitment to the GFGs and targets. The UNFF will organize a panel discussion to share experiences on reporting on progress made on Global Forest Goal 5, the development of VNCs in the region and an update on the Global Core Set of forest related indicators and how this set can be used to report on progress made towards the achievement of GFGs and other forest commitments. The expected outcome is that there were be an increase in the number countries in the Asia Pacific region integrating the UNSPF in their national action plans and also an increase in the number countries in the region developing and submitting their VNCs to the United nations Forum on Forests. AFW2019 participants may address one or more of the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What actions has your country taken to integrate implementation of the UNSPF and forest related SDGs into national sustainable plans/and or poverty reduction strategies? • What steps had your Government taken to prevent and reduce illegal international trafficking in forest products, wildlife and other biological resources? • What mechanisms have been put in place to ensure cross-sectoral coordination among government agencies • What types of mechanisms are in place to involve stakeholder forests/sustainable forest management policy formulation, planning and implementation? • What mechanisms are in place to involve the forest sector in cross-sectoral coordination among government agencies in charge of land use planning and development? 	