

Report on Youth Participation in  
UNFF-Country Led Initiative  
“Charting the Way Forward to 2015”  
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Presented By



## **PREFACE**

First of all, we would like express our sincere gratitude to Almighty God on his blessing for us so we are as a Youth Delegation can present the activity report during Country – Led Initiative program in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests “Multi Year Programme of Work of United Nations Forum on Forests: Charting the Way Forward to 2015”. We also express our gratitude to the Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the opportunity to participate in CLI.

Youth as the future forest leader and decision maker need to fill their own value. One of the ways to materialize their dream is by participating in International Forum. Through Country – Led Initiative, Youth will be given the opportunity to submit the statement containing the suitable and relevant issues regarding youth perspective to reach Sustainable Forest Management (SFM). Beside as a participant, Youth delegations from Indonesia were actively involved in pursuing the entire obligation related to the committee job task.

The Country – Led Initiatives were divided into four main activities, those are: Plenary Session, Presentation and Discussion Papers, Working Group, and Excursion to Mangrove Forest. Plenary Session include paper presentation by Director of UNFF Secretariat and CIFOR. Working Groups were divided become three groups discussing about Theme of the Biennial Meetings, Modalities, and Regional and Sub Regional Dimension. Excursion Session was conducted by visiting Mangrove Information Center/ at Tanah Lot.

Last but not least, we would like to express our gratitude to everybody for the support given.

Thanks very much for your kindest disparagement.

Best regards,

Youth and Children MG

## **UNFF - COUNTRY LED INITIATIVE**

After few months of hard works from the National Organizing Committee which consisted of Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs with support from the German Government and United Nations Forum on Forests the Country – Led Initiative “Multi Year Programme of Work of United Nations Forum on Forests: Charting the Way Forward to 2015” was held from 13 February to 16 February 2007. As stated on the themes, the objective of this meeting was to prepare a draft text about MYPOW 2007-2015, working modalities, and regional meetings as an intersessional meeting between UNFF sessions. The programme was attended by 153 experts who consisted of government officials, major groups, regional cooperation and international organizations coming from 78 countries.

Six IFSA representative from Indonesia were given chance to take part in this event as part of youth and children major groups, in return we were helping the National Organizing committee in administration task, seating participants, and to provide general assistant to the participants. Besides youth representative from Indonesia there was also Major Groups of focal points.

### **February 12 2007**

Today is the day where participant expected to arrived, the beginning of busy day had come, and we were having lot of things to do. Some of us arrived at the hotel around 09.00am without knowing anybody in the National Organizing Committee (NOC) then we were going to the secretariat room where we welcomed by the secretariat and immediately assigned lots of jobs to be done. We had to prepare for registration desk and all of regarding to meeting equipment such as documents, bag, and name tag, and putting several banners which showed direction to the registration desk. Until the rest of the day we were assigned by the national organizing committee to taking care of the registration process.

Also during the day, we use our spare times to get along with people and broaden our networks. There were faces that are looks familiar to us because some of us have been served as volunteer in previous workshop about forest policy that also held by the Ministry of Forestry. Later that day there were Earth Negotiation Bulletin (ENB) teams that will provide reporting services for the whole event, at the end of the event this bulletin really help us understanding what happen in each working group and the whole event.

At the end of the day after the registration desk was closed, we arranged flag for the meeting room where the plenary session will be conducted in the next morning. After we finished finally we can call it a day and return to our hotel which located about ten minutes drive. That was a tiring day, but still we were glad to be there and doing all those things.

## **February 13 2007**

As not all of the participants yet registered, so the registration process continued this day. The number of participants registered was even more than the previous day, the NOC adding one more table in order to speeds up the process due to limited time we have. After the registration process was closed, all participants including three of us join the plenary session. Not all of us able to follow this session due to lots of work to do at the secretariat such as copying and distributing documents to the participants, take care of the attached sound system on the table that did not work so well, and updating participants list.

The plenary started with opening ceremony by Dr. Boen Purnama, Co-host country, Director of UNFF Secretariat, Chairman of UNFF-7 Bureau and Ministry of Forestry of Indonesia followed by presentation of discussion papers by Mr. Pekka Patosaari, Director of UNFF Secretariat and also Dr. Doris Capistrano from CIFOR. The theme of the paper presentation was developing a Multi – year Programme of Work of the UN Forum on Forests (2007-20015). Pekka Patosaari, Director of United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, gave the concise explanation regarding the MYPOW. He emphasized that MYPOW will outline and schedule key tasks and should be:

- Focused on implementation
- Clear on expected outputs
- Decisive on issues being addressed
- Practical in aims and objectives
- Adaptive to changing needs

He also explores his respective regarding Country – Led Initiatives SUCH AS Bali host are an invaluable input to the work of the forum. He hopes new MYPOW should continue to encourage such as initiative, and CLIs should focused specific thematic, Emerging and priority issues of the forum.

While composition presented by CIFOR presser theme in related to Revitalizing the UNFF: Critical Issues and Ways Forward. He encourages stating that the following are some key

aspects for the UNFF to consider in designing how it would conduct its work in the coming years:

- Strengthen linkages to other international for a and entitles that affect forests;
- Broaden the framing of forestry issues;
- Shift emphasis from negotiating text to facilitating substantive dialogue and cooperation;
- Increase opportunities for meaningful participation by multiple stakeholders;
- Increase linkages with regional initiatives;
- Leverage scientific and technical information improve effectiveness of international processes

During the plenary each major groups had given three minutes to deliver statement. Youth and children major groups represented by Xavier Ndonga as major groups focal point express four priorities of the youth and children major groups which are:

- Forestry Education
- Capacity building
- Participation in decision making process
- Employment

There was time for youth group to show strong commitment with delivering our statement, although the effectiveness of presentation was still questionable but we have tried to raise the awareness of all of participants.

The plenary then followed by three working groups that conducted simultaneously in three different place. The first working group was discussing about the themes for the new MYPOW, there were several opinion express about what themes to be brought up in each UNFF session. The second working groups was discussing about working modalities, the third working group focused on regional and sub regional processes.

At the end of the day, all participants were invited to the welcoming dinner hosted by General Secretary of Ministry of Forestry of Indonesia. Located about half an hour minutes drive from Nusa Dua Beach Hotel at Garuda Whisnu Kencana. During the beautiful gala dinner participants were presented a traditional Balinese kecak dance performance and a quartet singer.

## **February 14 2007**

On the third day of the meeting there still the continuation of working groups. Deeper elaboration, exploration of each themes in every working group with joint session of all working groups in the middle of the day, this session trying broaden and exchange our knowledge to get more understanding of what happen in each working groups. In every discussion session run tightly because each participant stated their great willingness to formulate something at the end of the meeting. Hence we already knew that in drafting a concession would take long way and it needs common understanding between all participating countries, in spite of limited available.

While some of the youth participating in each working group the rest were still doing our responsibilities to the NOC such as distributing any copied papers which is important for supporting the process of working groups' discussion. In discussion session we were still incapable to release out the brilliant idea proactively due to all of us were new to the process and need to adapt with how it works. By involving in such activity it would be a process of learning in order that to prepare young people earlier before having real role in the future. And those were something that we didn't get in the classroom. We also had opportunity for having a little interview with the ENB team leader from IISD reporting services that provide daily reporting services. We found out how they work, who they are and one very interesting fact that IISD need writer for ENB team with forestry background that familiar with the entire forest related processes, recently their team consist of law, economics and communication graduate students. They also provide training and internship for undergraduate students. Finally on the evening all participants were invited to a welcome dinner hosted by the Governor of Bali. But today youth got another plan. We take our time to explore downtown of Bali, have some refreshment and enjoying our time in Bali so we can energize ourselves and do better work in the next day.

## **February 15 2007**

On this fourth day of the meeting there still continuation of the working groups, in working group one the youth group once more emphasize the need for putting forestry education in the biennial themes for UNFF session, the chair was very welcome to the statement and the youth group are looking forward to discuss it more in the seventh session of UNFF.

The next program of the day was a field trip to two places; the first place is a mangrove information center which is initiated by joint cooperation of government of Japan through JICA along with Ministry of Forestry of Indonesia. It was a thousand acres of mangrove located near Ngurah Rai International Airport. The group was welcomed by a nice Avicennia pudding that made of avicennia fruits, a very well tasted jelly-like appetizer. All participant were excited for looking around the mangrove area as many of them come from temperate country that naturally have no mangrove. During the walk students use the opportunity for sharing experience with the participants, knowing them more personally and broaden networks. The next destination of the fieldtrip were Tanah Lot Temple, it is a famous temple in Bali that located in rocky island about fifteen meters offshore. It is located about 80 km from the hotel, during one our journey our tour guide kindly explaining everything about Bali. After we arrived at tanah lot it was a free time for all of the participants to enjoy the sunset from the cliff nearby. It could be better if the weather is not cloudy as it was. As it getting dark, then we return to the hotel.

### **February 16 2007**

The last day of the CLI, this day there was a plenary session where co-chairs delivered the summary report on each working groups. The report consist of many views expressed during the meeting and unlike UNFF sessions' reports it was not a consensus-based report And all participant discuss on each pages of the report. Some review had arise was

- *On themes of the UNFF biennial meetings*, Finland wished to see the role of CPF and its members also reflected within the WG1 report. The US suggested improving the process of taking into account the contribution of Major Groups. The Philippines noted that the World Summit on Sustainable Development outcome document contains important commitments and should be considered in the chapeau of the Report. Switzerland emphasized that titles of sessions should be simple and understandable.
- *On modalities*, New Zealand questioned the need for regular high-level segments, and re-emphasized that no new reporting mechanisms are needed. The US cautioned against suggesting that the MYPOW could provide “guidance” to governments, regional processes, and CPF members. The US, Brazil and others suggested using less directive language in several circumstances. Co-chair

Schwoerer reminded participants that more forceful language should be used in order for the Report to be given proper consideration at UNFF-7.

- *On regional and sub-regional dimensions*, South Africa requested that the Report reflect the possibility of linking regional high-level segments with the one proposed for the global level.

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After presentation on preparation of UNFF-7 by the chair and the release of composite draft text for developing an NLBI, co-chair thanked everybody that made the meeting happen and the meeting was closed by H.E. Adyatwidi Adiwoso Asmady, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the UN.

After officially closed, participants had lunch together and some of them preparing to spend some time to relax in Bali before returning home. The major groups use this opportunity for a meeting, it discussing the strategy for the seventh session of the UNFF, preparation for a side event and making decision whether major groups try to approaching less cooperative countries instead of countries that are already support the involvement of the major groups in international processes.

## **Closing**

International forest processes is a long term process that involve more than one generations, the policy made today will impact in the future, thus youth involvement in such process is very important. During the six days of event, many things we can learn. We work in such a multicultural environment where language, culture, and habit become barrier for good communication. Under that circumstances making a consensus are even harder. It will be an advantages for youth as a future forest professional to have such experience and understanding of the process thus make future process better. We are very grateful to be involved and looking forward for another cooperation in the future