



# Forest Peoples Programme

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## A Summary of Some Key Intergovernmental Commitments and international standards on the Social and Cultural Aspects of Forests<sup>i</sup>

Commitment/Standard/Principle/Agreed activity	Process/summit/treaty	Date
<p><u>Address forest issues in a holistic/cross-sectoral manner, including, <i>inter alia</i>:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) national and international measures to identify and tackle the underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation...</li> <li>2) recognition of multiple functions, values and uses of forests, including traditional uses</li> <li>3) Development and implementation of strategies for the protection of the full range of forest values, including cultural, social, spiritual, environmental and economic aspects</li> <li>4) <i>coordination</i> of the national policies and policies of international agencies</li> <li>5) integration of forest policy and programmes with poverty reduction efforts</li> </ol>	<p><b>Forest Principles Agenda 21 (Chapter 11)</b></p> <p>At least 21 <b>IPF/IFF Proposals for Action</b> (I.A.17.b, I.B.30.b, I.B.31.a.i, II.A.67.c, II.A.67.d, II.A.70.a, II.A.71.a, III.C.104.a, IV.128.a, V.146.b, I.A.9.d, I.A.9.e, II.B.10.a, II.B.10.f, II.D(1)8.h, II.D(1)9, II.D(3)15, II.D(6)8g, II.E.11.a, II.E.13.b, II.E.15)</p> <p>CBD Expanded work programme on Forest Biological Diversity (FBD)</p> <p>WSSD</p>	<p>1992 (UNCED) 1992</p> <p>1997(IPF/UNGASS and 2000/IFF)</p> <p>2002</p> <p>2002</p>
<p><u>Ensure the participation of local communities and indigenous peoples and other major groups in the formulation, planning and implementation of national forest policies.</u></p> <p>Address</p>	<p><b>Forest Principles Agenda 21</b></p> <p>At least 14 <b>IPF/IFF Proposals for Action</b> (I.A.17.f, I.A.17.g, I.B.29.a, I.C.40.e, I.C.40.g, I.D.46.d, I.F.58.biii, IIIA.89.c, IIIA.89.h, IIID.115.b, IV.133c.v, IID(1)8.b, II.E.10.a, II.E.10.b)</p> <p><b>CBD Expanded work programme on FBD</b></p>	<p>1992</p> <p>1992</p> <p>1997 and 2000</p> <p>2002</p>
<p><u>National forest and conservation policies should recognise and support the identity, culture and rights of indigenous peoples and other forest dependent people</u></p>	<p><b>Forest Principles (5.a) Agenda 21 (Ch 11 + 26) IPF/IFF Proposals for Action</b></p> <p><b>CBD programme of work on protected areas</b></p> <p><b>Global and regional Human Rights Instruments (ICCPR, ICESR, CERD, CEDAW, CRC etc.)</b></p>	<p>1992</p> <p>1992</p> <p>1997 and 2000</p> <p>2004</p> <p>various</p>

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<p><u>Formulate policies and laws aiming at securing land tenure for indigenous peoples and local communities, including, <i>inter alia</i>, measures to</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) define land ownership and the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities in relation to sustainable use of forest resources</li> <li>2) recognise and respect of customary and traditional rights of indigenous peoples and local communities</li> <li>3) Ensure that external trade policies take into account community rights</li> <li>4) Include information on forest resource ownership rights in monitoring and data collection</li> </ol>	<p><b>Forest Principles (5.a)</b></p> <p><b>Agenda 21 (Chapters 11 and 26)</b></p> <p><b>10 IPF/IFF Proposals for Action</b> (I.A.17.a, IB.29.c,IV128.c,II.D.1.8c, II.D.1.8.d, II.D1.10, II.D.1.11, II.D.3.10b., II.D.6.8.d, II.D.7.6ii).</p>	<p>1992</p> <p>1992</p> <p>1997 and 2000</p>
	<p><b>CBD Expanded work programme on FBD</b></p>	<p>2002</p>
	<p><b>Global and regional Human rights instruments</b></p>	<p>various</p>
<p><u>Recognise and support Community-based forest management</u></p>	<p><b>12 IPF/IFF Proposals for Action</b> (I.A.17.i, 17a, II.A.70c, II.B.77f, IV.131.b, IV.132.c, II.C.14.f, II.C.14.m, II.D(1)8.f, II.D(1)8.i, IID(3)9, II.D(3)10.c, II.D(3)10.d, II.D(3).13)</p> <p><b>CBD Expanded work programme on FBD</b></p> <p><b>Article 45h of the WSSD Report</b></p>	<p>1997 and 2000</p> <p>2002</p> <p>2002</p>
<p>Develop protection regimes for traditional knowledge and promote its application in sustainable forest management and conservation, including, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) protection and encouragement of customary use of biological resources in accordance with traditional cultural practices</li> <li>2) maintenance of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities</li> <li>3) Assessment of the potential use of TFRK in forest management and conservation and use of forest ecosystems.... <b><i>with the free prior and informed consent of the holders of TRFK...</i></b></li> <li>4) measures in National Forest Programmes to rehabilitate and protect traditional forest-related knowledge (TFRK) and <b><i>recognise and support traditional resource use systems</i></b></li> <li>5) instruments to enhance the security of forest dependent communities and holders of traditional knowledge</li> <li>6) capacity building of indigenous peoples and other forest-dependent people who possess TFRK to participate in agreements that apply TFRK for sustainable forest management</li> </ol>	<p><b>Forest Principles (5.a)</b></p> <p><b>Agenda 21 (Chapters 11 and 26)</b></p> <p><b>CBD (articles 8j, 10c and related provisions)</b></p> <p><b>20 IPF/IFF Proposals for Action</b> (I.A.17.g, I.C.40.a,b,c,d, g,f,h,i,j,k, I.C.40.II.C.40.m,n,o,p,q,r, I.F.58.b.iv, II.C.14.e, II.D(2)7.b, II.D(2)7.c, II.D(2)7.d, II.D(2)8.)</p> <p><b>CBD work programme on Article 8j and related provisions</b></p> <p><b>CBD Expanded work programme on FBD</b></p>	<p>1992</p> <p>1992</p> <p>1992</p> <p>1997 and 2000</p> <p>2000</p> <p>2002</p>

i: This summary table is **not** an exhaustive list and is mostly restricted to some of the main standards under forest-related fora. Other relevant international standards and intergovernmental commitments are established under human rights, environment and development bodies and fora. Sources: UNFF(2001) *The IPF and IFF Proposals for Action: main actors and degree of action* UNFF Secretariat, CBD (2003) *Handbook of the CBD 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, CDB Secretariat, Griffiths, T (2001) *Consolidating the Gains: indigenous peoples and forest policy making at the United Nations* FPP, Moreton-in-Marsh, WRM Bulletin No. 81, April 2004

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