

(e) In view of the cross-cutting nature of issues relating to forests and sustainable forest management, to consult experts from relevant national ministries,

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- ~~Formulation of the Lesotho Energy Policy and by-Laws by Community Councils (Local Government Authorities) with the Department of Forestry to facilitate transfer of user rights of forest reserves to local communities. (The process is on-going)~~
Development of the Lesotho Energy Policy (2015-2025) for sustainable use of bioenergy. (Completed)

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2. What other action is being taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in support of the achievement of goal 3?

3. How does the action listed above support the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

- 4.1 Mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for

2. What other action is being taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in support of the achievement of goal 4?

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6. If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 4, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

7. Any additional comments on goal 4:

Please provide up to three examples of international cooperation, and, if possible, a weblink or weblinks to relevant documentation:

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5.3 National and subnational forest-related policies and programmes are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous peoples, fully recognizing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

5.4 Forest-related issues and the forest sector are fully integrated into decision-making processes concerning land use planning and development

1. Since 2015, what types of action have been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 5.1 to 5.4?

Community council by-laws (communal orchards, beekeeping, communal forests)

The government of Lesotho through the Ministry of Forestry, Range and Soil Conservation fully supports and observes the international cooperation in sustainable forest management with all the SADC countries and there is a political commitment for poverty reduction strategy.

Support from EU
UNDP- reducing vulnerability to climate change
Government of Lesotho – rehabilitation of existing forest reserve
FAO-strengthening capacity to climate change

Capacity building of forestry staff members on sustainable forest management through JICA project in SADC region.

2. What other action is being taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in support of the achievement of goal 5?

Government ensures that all relevant players are involved through Local Government Authorities in both afforestation, reforestation and forest protection.

3. How does the action listed above support the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

To ensure proper rehabilitation and protection of forest

4. What are the main challenges in achieving goal 5 in your country?

Shortage of technical and qualified foresters

5. Do you have any success stories relating to goal 5? If so, please provide a brief description.

Reinforcement of local government arrangements
Decentralization of most activities

6. If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 5, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

By 2030 30% of women will be taking part in important sfm decision making.
By 2030 30% of women will have access to wood for cooking and space heating

7. Any additional comments on goal 5:

✓ Yes No

If yes, please specify:

- ✓ National sustainable development plans
- Poverty reduction strategies

- 6.1 Forest-related programmes within the United Nations system are coherent and complementary and integrate the global forest goals and targets, where appropriate
 - 6.2 Forest-related programmes across member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests are coherent and complementary and together encompass the multiple contributions of forests and the forest sector to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - 6.3 Cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote sustainable forest management and halt deforestation and forest degradation are significantly enhanced at all levels
 - 6.4 A greater common understanding of the concept of sustainable forest management is achieved and an associated set of indicators is identified
 - 6.5 The input and involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the strategic plan and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened
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1. Since 2015, what types of action have been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country to advance or contribute to the achievement of targets 6.3 to 6.5?

7. Any additional comments on goal 6:

✓ National

Regional/international (e.g. International Tropical Timber Organization, Forest Europe, Montreal Process, Tarapoto Proposal on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainability of Amazonian Forests)

Other

Please describe and, if possible, provide a weblink or weblinks to relevant documentation:

For which of the following purposes are they used?

✓ To generate information for national reports on forest conditions and management

✓ To monitor and assess forest conditions and management

✓ To review and develop national forest policies and tools for sustainable forest management

To communicate with society and carry out dialogue with stakeholders

✓ Yes

No

If yes, please indicate action taken with regard to the following:

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Please provide a brief description:

Cultural activities (e.g. art, music, film and theatre)

Educational activities (e.g. workshops and symposiums)

✓ Media activities (e.g. newspapers, magazines, television and radio)

✓ Social media activities

Other

Please provide two to three examples and- Mexam