

## Montréal Process

### Criteria and Indicators for the Conservation and Sustainable Management of Temperate and Boreal Forests

Strategic Action Plan: 2009-2015

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS\*

##### **Strategic Direction 1: Enhance the relevance and use of the Montréal Process (MP) Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for policy makers, practitioners and others by;**

- a) Promoting, and sharing experiences on, the broader application of the MP C&I to forest-related policy, legislation, planning, science and education, as well as to other related sectors, at national and sub-national levels with a view to promoting Sustainable Forest Management (SFM),
- b) Pursuing and sharing national efforts to synthesize criteria and indicators information to assess progress toward sustainable forest management and identify relationships between indicator trends and changes in policies, market signals and other driving forces;
- c) Reviewing and improving, as necessary, the MP C&I to reflect changing conditions and lessons learned; and
- d) Identifying knowledge and information gaps, and research priorities, to improve the utility of indicators and encouraging national and international research institutions to address these priorities.

##### **Strategic Direction 2: Strengthen member country capacity to monitor, assess and report on forest trends and progress toward Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) using the MP C&I by:**

- a) Strengthening cooperation and collaboration among MP member countries to improve the quality and use of information, and
- b) Broadening participation of stakeholders in SFM with a view to strengthening political commitment and country capacity to implement C&I.

##### **Strategic Direction 3: Enhance collaboration and cooperation with forest-related regional and international organizations and instruments, and other C&I processes by;**

- a) Pursuing opportunities to share knowledge and experience and illustrate applications for C&I by collaborating with other C&I processes and international forest-related bodies[, and by reporting on the progress of the MP at UNFF Fora],
- b) Collaborating to help member countries mobilize international resources to strengthen their participation in the MP and promote the application of C&I for national monitoring, assessment and reporting on forests and progress towards SFM, and
- c) Promoting C&I as the basis for national reporting on forests to international forest-related organizations.

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\* No priority or order is implied in listing of the Strategic Directions nor in the listing of the associated descriptive information

**Strategic Direction 4: Enhance communication on the value of C&I and the accomplishments of the MP by;**

- a) Making achievements of the MP and of its member countries more visible and easily available at all levels, and
- b) Enhancing mechanisms for the dissemination to member countries of current information on C&I developments, including activities in member countries, other C&I processes and regional and international organizations.

**Strategic Direction 5: Enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the MP Working Group and its Technical Advisory Committee and its Liaison Office by;**

- a) Strengthening MP operations, including the planning and management of meetings and other activities, and enhancing the predictability of financial and other resources to support these activities, and
- b) Reviewing and updating, as needed, the roles and responsibilities of Working Group, Technical Advisory Committee, Liaison Office.