



Annex 4: The Strategic Directions of the Montréal Process

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SD 1: Enhance the relevance and use of the Montréal Process Criteria and Indicators for policy makers, practitioners and other users, by:

- a) Promoting, and sharing experiences on, the broader application of the Montréal Process criteria and indicators 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
- 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 Montréal Process criteria and indicators 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.

SD 2: Strengthen member country capacity to monitor, assess and report on forest trends and progress toward sustainable forest management using the Montréal Process Criteria and Indicators, by:

- a) Strengthening cooperation and collaboration among Montréal Process member countries to improve the quality and use of information
- b) Broadening participation of stakeholders in sustainable forest management with a view to strengthening political commitment and country capacity to implement criteria and indicators; and
- c) Working collectively, as a group, to adapt to change and to enhance, as appropriate, the criteria and indicators to the current situation of the forests and the demands of society.

SD 3: Enhance collaboration and cooperation with forest-related regional and international organizations, instruments, and other criteria and indicators processes, by:

- a) Pursuing opportunities to share knowledge and experience and illustrate applications for criteria and indicators by collaborating with other criteria and indicators processes and international forest-related bodies, such as by reporting on the progress of the Montréal Process at United Nations Forum on Forests fora;
- b) Collaborating to help member countries mobilize international resources to strengthen their participation in the Montréal Process and promote the application of criteria and indicators for national monitoring, assessment and reporting on forests and progress towards sustainable forest management; and,
- c) Promoting criteria and indicators as the basis for national reporting on forests to international forest-related organizations.

SD 4: Enhance communication on the value of criteria and indicators and the accomplishments of the Montréal Process, by:

- a) Making achievements of the Montréal Process 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 criteria and indicators developments, including activities in member countries, other criteria and indicators processes and regional and international organizations.

SD 5: Enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Montréal Process Working Group and its Technical Advisory Committee and its Liaison Office, by:

- a) Strengthening Montréal Process 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, and Liaison Office.

