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What is a NFP?

- A wide range of approaches to the process of planning, programming and implementation of forest activities in a country (FAO)

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- A country specific political process aiming at conservation, management and sustainable development of a country's forest
- It results in agreed objectives, policies and strategies for sustainable forest management and in specific actions for implementation (GTZ)

It is not...

- a ready made plan formulated by external consultants

It is.....

- a government-led multi-stakeholder process



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The national forest programme approach

- As a framework for planning the NFP provides strategic orientation for the forestry sector, in harmony with other sectors of the national economy
- As a framework for action, the NFP provides an environment for the concerted and coordinated implementation of programmes and activities by all stakeholders based on agreed objectives



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Vision and mission of NFPs

(goal and main objectives)

- Vision statement: a corporate long-term goal used for planning
- Mission statement: a statement of purpose (main objectives) used by many businesses and institutions



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Main elements of NFPs

- National Forest Statement
- Sector review
- Policy, legislative and institutional reform
- Strategy development (defining strategies)
- Action plan
- Investment Programme
- Capacity building programme
- Monitoring and evaluation system
- Co-ordination and participatory mechanisms

(as defined by practitioners guide IFF)