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I am happy to inform that we managed to confirm holding our (UNFF Financing for Forests) workshop from 17-19 February 2015 in the ESCAP HQ in Bangkok. This is an excellent opportunity to hold the meeting of the SCF as all participants in our workshop are those that are dealing for the last 6 years with the issue of forest financing. As indicated earlier, there is a wealth of information and expertise within UNFF on this matter which could be extremely beneficial for the SCF when considering this matter. We also would like to offer part of this workshop to be devoted to allow participants of the SCF to join the workshop and have a thorough discussion on the substance of the issue. Other collaborative arrangements for holding the two meetings during that period could be also explored.

This is a unique opportunity to bring the two global policy setting processes of UNFF and UNFCCC to come together to discuss one major issue of common concern. . From our side, we are fully supportive to the work of the SCF and would like to further strengthen it through holding the next meeting of the SCF in conjunction with UNFF workshop on forest financing.