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UN Global Forest Goals Report 2026

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) released the Global Forest Goals Report 2026 at the opening of the 21st session of the UN Forum on Forests.

The report assesses progress towards six Global Forest Goals under the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030.

Major Findings of the Report

Forest Loss: World lost over 40 million hectares of forest between 2015–25.

Key Drivers: Agricultural expansion, climate change, wildfires, illegal logging, pests, and unsustainable resource exploitation are major causes of forest degradation.

Targets Off Track: Two major goals — reversing forest loss and eliminating extreme poverty among forest-dependent populations — remain off track, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Financing Gap: Global funding for sustainable forest management was only \$84 billion in 2023, far below the required \$300 billion annually needed by 2030.

United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF) 2017–2030

UNSPF 2017–2030 is a global framework adopted by the UNGA to promote sustainable management, conservation, and restoration of forests worldwide.

Adoption: It was adopted in 2017 to guide global forest action till 2030 in alignment with the SDGs.