The Economic and Social Council*, (ECOSOC)*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2015/33 on the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF) beyond 2015, 2020/14 on the outcome of the fifteenth session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF), 2021/06 on the programme of work of UNFF (PoW) for 2022-2024, and 2022/17 on the outcome of the seventeenth session of the UNFF,

*Welcoming* the progress and achievement made by the Forum, its members and Secretariat, Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN), members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), regional and subregional partners, major groups, and other relevant stakeholders towards the objectives of the IAF, *and in this regard:*

1. **Midterm review of the effectiveness of the IAF in achieving its objectives**
2. **Actions related to the UNFF and its members**
3. *Invites* UNFF and its members to:
4. Strengthen international cooperation, including North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, as well as public-private partnerships and cross sectoral cooperation at all levels to promote sustainable forest management, and to advance means of implementation and sustainable finance for reversing the loss of forest cover, protecting and conserving forests, halting deforestation, restoring degraded forests, enhancing technological collaboration, sharing best practices, and scientific exchange.
5. Involve political leaders and high-level officials in international forest-related decision-making processes to increase efforts to sustainably manage forests, halt deforestation, and restore degraded forests through implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI), the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030 (UNSPF) and achieve the Global Forest Goals (GFGs) by 2030.
6. Increase the impacts and visibility of UNFF in the broader global forest policy-setting processes through highlighting the significant contributions of forests and trees outside forests in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, in relation to poverty eradication, and food security.
7. Promote inclusive and participatory decision-making modalities at the national, and subnational levels to, inter alia, enable the effective engagement of Indigenous Peoples, local communities and other stakeholders and promote gender equality and gender responsive approaches in the implementation of sustainable forest management.
8. Strengthen the implementation of forest-related national legislation and the provision of means of implementation for sustainable forest management (SFM), and the achievement of the GFGs.
9. Enhance collaboration with relevant multilateral environmental agreements to support implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement[[1]](#footnote-2), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in line with their respective mandates.
10. Promote science-policy dialogues to support science-based decision-making on forests at local, national, regional, and global levels, including traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the work of the Forum.
11. Continue facilitating and catalyzing access to technical, financial, and scientific resources to strengthen the capacity of Forum members to implement SFM, considering the specific challenges, in particular, those faced by developing countries.
12. **Actions related to the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat**
13. *Requests* the UNFF Secretariat to:
    1. Submit an information paper in advance of Forum’s consideration of its future quadrennial programmes of work (4PoW), containing information on its workload, needs, and gaps, including its human and financial needs for the implementation of the upcoming UNFF 4PoW.
    2. Continue to use a hybrid/virtual format meeting, whenever the logistical arrangement is possible, for sharing information with Members of the Forum, CPF members, reginal and subregional partners, and Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders and briefing them on the work and preparations for Forum’s session during the intersessional period, taking into full account the need for inclusivity and transparency for virtual meetings.
    3. Facilitate greater cooperation, collaboration or synergies, as appropriate, with technical and financial organizations and other international cooperation mechanisms, as appropriate, to enhance the implementation of SFM and the contribution of forests to address climate change, desertification, land degradation, biodiversity loss, pollution, water scarcity, poverty, and food insecurity, among others, considering different regional and national circumstances and the relevant mandates of those organizations.
    4. Improve and regularly share information with UNFF National Focal Points, and Permanent Missions in New York, through effective communication tools, to inform them of the activities of the Forum, raise awareness on the multiple economic, social, and environmental values and benefits of forests, and increase the visibility of the secretariat’s work.
    5. Share information with UNFF members and partners about changes, accomplishments, as well as challenges affecting the implementation of the UNSPF and achievement of the GFGs.
    6. Maximize participation, efficiency, and value of UNFF sessions and other meetings by effective allocation of time, resources, facilitation, and agenda development, including use of innovative approaches, as feasible.
14. Recommends the United Nations General Assembly to consider strengthening post and non- post resources of the UNFF Secretariat to enable it to perform its responsibilities and mandates in an efficient, effective, and sustainable manner.
15. **Actions related to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests**
16. *Invites* Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and its member organizations to:
    1. Continue to enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence, or synergies, as appropriate, on SFM and forest agendas in a holistic and integrated manner, through addressing the interlinkages of climate change, biodiversity loss, desertification, land degradation, pollution, water scarcity, drought, watershed management, poverty, and food insecurity among others, taking into account the mandate of its members.
    2. Sharpen the focus of the CPF workplan on supporting the implementation of the UNSPF and the achievement of its GFGs, as well as other multilaterally agreed forest-related goals, with clear priorities, actions, joint activities, resources, outputs, and indicators for assessing the progress, and in this respect, structure CPF reports on its workplan to UNFF around the GFGs.
    3. Regularly undertake assessments of its completed joint initiatives to identify challenges, successes, lessons learned, and the contributions of the joint initiatives to the GFGs, and share those assessments with its members, members of the Forum, and other relevant stakeholders.
    4. Enhance interaction and communication, including through a hybrid format, with members of the Forum, regional and subregional partners, Major Groups, and other relevant stakeholders on its activities by organizing short briefing meetings.
    5. Report to UNFF at each session on the progress made on actions that CPF has been invited to undertake.
    6. Enhance coordination and collaboration among national focal points of CPF member organizations.
    7. Strengthen collaboration within the Partnership and send consistent and supportive messages on the work of the CPF to their respective governing bodies, and consider funding of the CPF activities, as appropriate.
17. *Invites* all CPF members to engage more actively in the work of the GFFFN.
18. *Encourages* non-UN members of the CPF, which may be better placed for receiving private sector and philanthropic contributions, to engage with those partners to generate support, including funding for the CPF activities.
19. Invites the Forum to assess and consider potential pathways and options to strengthen the CPF in a manner consistent with UN provisions and ECOSOC resolution 2015/33, in consultation with Member States and, taking into account the CPF’s assessment on this matter, and to prioritize requests to the CPF to facilitate its work.
    * + - 1. **Actions related to the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network**
20. *Invites* members of the Forum to:
    * 1. Maintain and increase the momentum of mobilizing new and additional resources from all sources to forests, to reach adequate levels, particularly by strengthening cooperation with the existing multilateral funding mechanisms to support developing countries.
      2. Support effective realization of the GFGs, particularly in developing countries, including through promoting, developing, and using innovative financial mechanisms, including payments for ecosystem services, blended finance, and sustainable financing policies, as appropriate.
      3. Align financial flows with forest conservation, restoration and sustainable use and management, including cooperation and public-private partnerships on science, technology in the forest sector, and engage sectors beyond the forest sector to unlock sustained finance.
      4. Recognize, respect, and protect forest tenure and/or user rights of both men and women, provide support and facilitate gender-sensitive access to forest finance, as appropriate, for smallholders, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and the private sector when investing in SFM.
      5. Ensure that national forest financing strategies address the needs of different stakeholders as they have distinct needs and roles.
      6. Use the Clearing House website as a key source on forest financing, and share their lessons learned and best practices and success stories regarding forest financing for publishing on the Clearing House website.
      7. Encourage and facilitate the exchange of experiences of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation’s (GFFFN) assistance to countries to develop national forest financing strategies, particularly financing mechanisms used, and the results achieved.
21. *Invites* members of the Forum and others in a position to do so to:
22. Provide voluntary contributions to the UNFF trust fund to scale up the activities of the GFFFN, including its Clearing House on Forest Financing.
23. Provide financial support to secure recruitment of a senior staff to provide adequate and timely GFFFN support to members of the Forum.
24. *Encourages* members of theForum:
25. To approach training in forest financing, including for halting deforestation and restoring degraded forests, and supporting the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of all types of forests, as a long-term commitment that benefits from staff consistency and the periodic renewal of skills.
26. When requesting GFFFN support to assist in facilitating their access to funding from various sources, such as the Adaptation Fund, Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Global Environmental Facility (GEF), to ensure the full support of an implementing agency or accredited entity and national focal points and national designated authorities from the outset.
27. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to:
    * 1. Continue to update and maintain the GFFFN Clearing House website and publicize the UNFF Clearing House on Forest Financing Quarterly Highlight more widely and prominently on the UNFF website.
      2. Make use of digital tools and innovative technologies, including artificial intelligence, to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the GFFFN activities when feasible.
      3. Support Members of the Forum, upon their request to assist in developing proposals and initiatives to enhance the achievement of the GFGs and targets, in line with their national forest priorities.
      4. Continue the process of establishing the proposed office for the GFFFN in Beijing and provide regular updates to the Forum on this matter, including to the next session.

1. *Invites* the multilateral funding agencies, institutions, and accredited entities such as the GEF and the GCF to enhance collaboration with the GFFFN as a means of supporting and facilitating countries’ access to forest finance.
2. *Encourages* members of the CPF who are accredited to the financing institutions to continue cooperation with the UNFF Secretariat in supporting the work of the GFFFN, including in the facilitation of preparation of the project proposals, and mobilization of resources to this end.
   * + 1. **Actions related to the trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests**
3. *Invites* members of the Forum, in a position to do so, to:
4. Provide sustainable and consistent voluntary funds to the trust fund to enable the UNFF secretariat to perform its functions and activities in support of the work of the Forum, its members, and partners, including a balanced representation of developed and developing countries at Forum-related meetings.
5. Explore options to attract further voluntary contributions to the trust fund.

**F. Actions related to the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030**

1. *Invites* members of the Forum to:
   1. Accelerate implementation of UN Forest Instrument (UNFI), and the UNSPF, and attach high priority to achieving all the GFGs and targets by 2030.
   2. Increase the visibility of Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs[[2]](#footnote-3)) and sharing of successful SFM cases at all levels, including through online platforms and social networks.
   3. Enhance international cooperation to support developing countries' capacities to monitor, assess, and report on the implementation of the UNFI and UNSPF.
   4. Enhance inter-sectoral collaboration at the national level, as well as the contributions and roles of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, youth, Major Groups, private sector, and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the UNSPF and achieving its GFGs.
2. Endorses the timeline for the next reporting cycle to UNFF for 2024-2026[[3]](#footnote-4) and establishes the advisory group on reporting to UNFF, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the note by the secretariat to the eighteenth session of UNFF[[4]](#footnote-5).
3. Takes note of the amended format for national reporting and entrusts the UNFF Secretariat to finalize the format, in close consultation with the advisory group on reporting to UNFF.
4. *Requests t*he UNFF secretariat to:
5. Disseminate relevant information among members regarding the preparation of the Voluntary National Reports (VNRs) in a timely manner and make use of the information received in the next reporting cycle through the transparent development of another Global Forest Goals Report.
6. Conduct capacity building activities, jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other partners, related to monitoring, assessment, and reporting on GFGs and provide assistance in preparing their national reports.
7. Facilitate the exchange of information, including on innovative techniques, technology, and knowledge management related to monitoring, assessment and reporting on the GFGs among members.
8. *Invites* CPF and its member organizations to:
9. Advance the ongoing work of the Global Core Set of Forest-related indicators, in particular all Tier 3 indicators.
10. Further enhance coordination, streamline reporting and data sharing activities, and make use of the existing global publications and reports on forests.
11. Organize a joint workshop on international reporting on forests for focal points of all relevant CPF member organizations to enhance cooperation and collaboration, in line with their respective mandates, and reduce the reporting burden on countries.
    * 1. **Actions related to the contributions of the Forum to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
12. *Invites* members of the Forum to:
13. Consider inclusion of forest experts in their delegations at the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and to key meetings of the three Rio conventions and other relevant international intergovernmental bodies as appropriate.
14. Enhance coordination in capitals between UNFF and HLPF focal points and with Permanent Missions in New York to highlight SDG interlinkages in HLPF preparatory meetings and declarations.
15. Involve Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders in their VNR and Voluntary Local Report (VLR) preparation processes, as appropriate.
16. Provide concise and impactful inputs from UNFF to HLPF regarding the cluster of SDGs to be discussed at the following year’s session of the HLPF with the view to submit the message from the UNFF within the timeframe requested by the HLPF.
17. Enhance coordination in capitals and deliver consistent targeted messages on forests and SDG interlinkages across ECOSOC bodies, the Rio conventions, other CPF member organizations, and other relevant intergovernmental fora in which they participate, in line with national priorities, and in a manner consistent with relevant mandates.
18. *Invites* the UNFF Bureau, in a transparent and inclusive manner, and in consultation with the respective regions and Forum members to:
19. Continue to provide timely inputs to the HLPF on SDG interlinkages on behalf of UNFF and focus extra effort on SDG Summit years and the years during which SDG 15 is under review, and ensure these inputs are concise, targeted, and actionable in the form of “key messages” that can be inserted “as is” into HLPF declarations, with supporting text attached as needed.
20. Work closely with UNFF focal points in capitals and the Permanent Missions in New York to help ensure UNFF key messages are well-reflected in HLPF declarations.
21. Engage with Forum members, Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders to ensure their opinions are taken into account in the preparation of the input to the HLPF on behalf of the UNFF.
22. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to:
23. Assist and facilitate the UNFF Bureau and Forum members with respect to para 21 above.
24. Include in the documentation for UNFF sessions an analysis of the extent to which UNFF inputs were reflected in the previous year’s HLPF declaration and UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)/ Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development (OISC) reports.
25. Engage early on with the UNFF focal points of members conducting VNRs in a given year to encourage the highlight of SDG interlinkages.
26. Enhance collaboration with DESA/OISC and the secretariats of the UN regional economic commissions, including for their regional forums on sustainable development, particularly in the context of regional VNR workshops and forest-related intergovernmental inputs to HLPF.
27. Enhance collaboration on achieving the SDGs with the secretariats of the three Rio conventions and other relevant bodies and conventions on forest-related issues of mutual interest, in line with respective mandates.
28. Prepare a concise report and/or targeted communication products suitable for a variety of audiences to highlight the contributions of forests to the SDGs under review each year, their interlinkages, especially those with SDG15, and the critical importance of achieving target 15.b to fully realize these contributions, drawing on the FRA, the Global Forest Goals Report, and relevant existing studies, including scientific studies by CPF members.
29. *Invites:* 
    1. CPF and its members to coordinate on “topline” key messages to the HLPF on forest interlinkages (benefits and threats) with the SDGs under review each year.
30. Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders to share SDG interlinkages by engaging early on in their countries’ VNR and VLR preparation processes and working closely with the “organizing partners” of their corresponding HLPF stakeholder group in preparing inputs to the HLPF process.
31. UN regional economic commissions to promote forest-SDG interlinkages, both benefits and challenges, especially through their regional forums on sustainable development.
32. *Requests* the Secretariat of ECOSOC, under the guidance of the President of the Council, to streamline and focus the annual template for intergovernmental inputs to HLPF to facilitate concise, targeted, and actionable inputs for inclusion in HLPF declarations.
    * 1. **Actions related to the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030**
33. *Invites* Forum members, the UNFF secretariat, CPF and its members, regional and sub-regional organizations and Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders to continue their work in implementing the Communication and Outreach Strategy (COS) of the UNSPF, recognizing the importance of communication in actions related to education, awareness, and advocacy, which cannot be reduced to the dissemination of information.
34. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to:
35. *Strengthen* cost-effective use of available resources and existing and emerging communication options, including innovative and interactive methods, such as collaborations with influencers, surveys, and contests.
36. Upgrade the structure and content of the UNFF website.
37. Develop a communication and outreach plan to set out its proposed short-term and medium-term activities in support of implementing the COS-related objectives, messages, and communication channels for different audiences, together with metrics for monitoring and evaluation, and share this directly with members for inputs.
38. Develop, with the CPF support, short, sharp policy briefs on priority themes identified by members, and continue its GFG flagship report to highlight the benefits that forests and trees outside of forests bring for other global priorities.
39. Make greater use of its convening power to widen participation in the Forum’s high-level round tables to strengthen engagement beyond the forest sector.
40. Reach out to sectors beyond forestry and raise awareness among high-level decision makers on the importance of SFM and the GFGs.
41. Prominently post the UNFF Bureau’s annual key messages to HLPF on the UNFF home page and provide accompanying infographics and other relevant communication products.
42. Develop communication products to raise awareness on the multiple social, economic and environmental values and benefits of forests in a balanced and integrated manner and on the important role of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women and girls and people in vulnerable situations.
43. Raise the visibility of the GFGs by exploring development of short, memorable titles, in consultation with UNFF members, in a fully transparent and inclusive manner, for each of the six GFGs similar to those used for the SDGs icons.
44. Promote educational and youth outreach activities, both formal and informal education, to help younger generations understand the multiple social, economic, and environmental values and benefits of forests and trees outside forests and learn about the UNSPF and its GFGs.
45. Strengthen advocacy, for example by widening participation in the Forum’s high-level round tables and other actions that help high-level decision-makers and senior government officials to understand better the contribution that forests and trees can make towards achieving wider policy goals.
46. *Invites members of the Forum to* explore options for identification of effective SFM projects and interventions that contribute to the implementation of UNSPF and share them through communication materials.
47. *Encourages* CPF members engaged in the Global Forest Education Initiative and Forum members to make full use of the opportunities it presents to raise awareness of the importance of forests and trees outside forests, and the role of SFM, through elementary (primary) and secondary school curricula, as well as promoting forest-related studies at the tertiary level.
48. *Invites* regional and sub-regional organizations to consider the possibility of developing regional communication and outreach strategies with messages that reflect regional priorities and needs regarding forests and SFM.
49. *Invites* Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders to continue to use their voices to highlight concerns and propose practical solutions to problems associated with the world’s forests.

**I. Actions related to the involvement of regional and subregional partners**

1. *Invites* the regional and subregional partners to:
2. Sustain support to countries in their respective regions to prepare them for UNFF and related sessions under other relevant conventions and frameworks.
3. Pursue engagement of regional or subregional financial institutions, such as regional development/investment banks, to expand collaboration on issues related to forests and to attract funding for their forest-related activities and participation in relevant meetings.
4. Explore options to organize regional/subregional partner-led initiatives to provide inputs to the Forum and implement regional, subregional, and transboundary forestry initiatives leading to the achievement of GFGs.
5. Consider incorporating the contribution to the GFGs in their respective strategies, plans, programs, and strategies, as appropriate.
6. Strengthen collaboration across sectors and facilitate partnerships to promote a forest-based bioeconomy and restoration of productive ecosystems, contributing to improved livelihoods, including through building capacities of women, youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
7. Engage major groups and other relevant stakeholders in their forest-related activities.
8. *Invites* the Forum to:
9. Consider ways to enhance support to the regional/subregional partners, including by organizing capacity development workshops on issues such as monitoring and reporting on the GFGs and the SDGs, and training workshops on resource mobilization.
10. Devote in its technical sessions, specific meetings to regions, on a rotating basis, to share their experiences and issues related to the implementation of UNFI and the UNSPF.
11. Engage more actively with regional financial institutions/development banks to build relationships and networking.
12. Promote cross-regional collaboration and information-sharing on success stories and best practices on the implementation of the UNFI, UNSPF and the GFGs and include regional perspectives in potential future issues of the Global Forest Goals Report.
13. Promote interaction between regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations with CPF, Major Groups, and other relevant stakeholders.
14. Invites the Forum to enhance equitable representation of regional and sub-regional organizations from developing countries’ regions in the work of UNFF.
15. *Invites* the Forum to consider ways and means to enhance the GFFFN’s ability to respond to the needs of intergovernmental regional and sub-regional organizations and their member countries.
16. *Requests* the UNFF secretariat to continue collaboration with regional and subregional partners to better understand the needs of countries in those regions and identify actions to address the related gaps and problems.

**J. Actions related to the involvement of Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders**

1. *Invites* the Forum, the UNFF secretariat, and UNFF Bureau to:
2. Hold an inclusive multi-stakeholder dialogue with the participation of a wide range of stakeholders and relevant expertise during UNFF sessions.
3. Use UNFF sessions as a platform for the exchange of ideas and best practices on how stakeholders could better capture action opportunities from forest-related instruments, processes, commitments, and goals and track the progress therein.
4. Support countries with collecting data on best practices promoted by Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, and youth, on the implementation of the UNSPF, including tree planting in line with SFM principles and ecosystem restoration.
5. Consider organizing a capacity building workshop, subject to funding availability, on fundraising for Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders to implement the UNSPF and achieve the GFGs, ensuring equitable geographic representation.
6. *Invites* Forum members to:
7. Engage Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders in advancing SFM and forest-based economy in a more holistic, multisectoral, livelihoods-oriented approach.
8. Include and consider the contribution of Major groups and other stakeholders in all relevant forest-related framework and Global Forest Goals Reports.
9. Support Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders in mobilizing increased financial resources to facilitate their engagement in the implementation of the UNSPF.
10. Provide resources to facilitate initiatives led by Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders to prepare their inputs to the UNFF sessions.
11. *Encourages* the CPF to engage in dialogue and examine joint activities with Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders to promote the implementation of the UNSPF.
12. *Invites* Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders to:
13. Provide information regarding their existing internal coordination mechanism, and their suggestions and options for effectively improving such internal coordination among them for consideration to UNFF.
14. Use the UNFF sessions and related intersessional events as opportunities to explore ways for retaining the practice of intra-Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders’ consultation, without compromising the pace of processes or action.
15. Ensure their internal consultation mechanism allows for a balanced representation of subject matter experts based on transparent and inclusive processes for effective participation in the UNFF.
16. Develop a joint strategy and update their workplans in support of both UNFF policy dialogue and implementation of UNSPF.
17. Communicate their contributions to the UNSPF with their constituencies and the Forum.
18. Seize opportunities and secure resources for dialogue or action, including generating new and additional funding for SFM by enhancing the visibility of its benefits in different global agendas.
19. Ensure the adequate and equitable representation of Major Groups and other stakeholders from developing countries, including from groups in a vulnerable situation, in the work of UNFF.
20. Explore means to promote partnership with the large-scale forest industry groups.
21. **Quadrennial Programme of Work of the Forum for 2025-2028**
22. *Decides* to adopt the quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for 2025-2028, as contained in annex to this resolution.

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**Annex: Quadrennial Programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for 2025-2028 (4PoW)**

General guidance**[[5]](#footnote-6)**

1. The quadrennial programmes of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests (4PoW) represent its contribution to implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 (UNSPF) and achieving the global forest goals (GFGs) and associated targets and provide a framework for setting the agendas for annual sessions within the quadrennium.

2. The quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for the period 2025–2028 includes two thematically linked bienniums: 2025–2026 (twentieth, and twenty first sessions of the Forum) and 2027–2028 (twenty second, and twenty third sessions). Thematic priorities for each biennium will be based on the GFGs and targets, taking into account the programme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) and relevant international forest-related developments. The thematic priorities cover all six GGFs, starting with GFGs 1, 3 and 5 for the first biennium 2025-2026 and GFGs 2, 4, 6 for the second biennium 2027-2028.

3. The twentieth and twenty second sessions of the Forum in 2025 and 2027 will be technical session that will include an interactive exchange of experiences and lessons learned on thematic priorities among members of the Forum, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and its member organizations, regional and subregional organizations and processes, and major groups and other relevant stakeholders. The interactive exchange will include consideration of the science-policy interface and cross-sectoral and emerging issues and will take into account youth, gender and regions perspectives.

4. The output of the twentieth and twenty second session will be a concise Chair’s summary that may include proposals for consideration at the Forum’s policy session in 2026, and 2028. The tables below outline the general work programme for the twentieth, twenty first, twenty second and twenty third sessions of the Forum.

**Table 1: Twentieth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2025 (technical session)**

1. Priorities in support of implementation of the UNSPF: Thematic priorities for the biennium 2025-2026 are GFGs 1, 3 and 5.
2. Other technical session items
3. Contributions of members of the Forum to implementing the UNSPF: progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the IAF midterm review (IAF-MTR), report on the outcomes of the Country-Led Initiatives (CLIs), new announcements of voluntary national contributions, updates on voluntary national contributions and their follow-up related to the thematic priorities,
4. Contributions of and enhanced cooperation with partners to achieving the thematic priorities
   1. Contributions of the CPF, its member organizations and the United Nations system to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on the workplan of the Partnership
   2. Contributions of regional and subregional organizations and processes to achieving the thematic priorities
   3. Contributions of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community, to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on major group workplans
5. Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2025 and 2026, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Paris Agreement[[6]](#footnote-7), the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Program**,** and other international forest-related developments
6. Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2025
7. Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network
8. Monitoring, assessment, and reporting: voluntary national reports; capacity building for reporting; global core set of forest-related indicators; next Global Forest Goals Report,
9. Forum trust fund
10. Emerging issues

**Table 2: Twenty-first session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2026 (policy session)**

1. Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017 –2030: Thematic priorities for the biennium 2025-2026 are GFGs 1, 3 and 5
2. Other policy session items and consideration of relevant proposals contained in the Chair’s summary from the twentieth session
3. New announcements of voluntary national contributions
4. Progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the IAF-MTR
5. Report on the outcomes of the CLIs
6. Updates by stakeholders and partners on activities in support of the thematic priorities
7. Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its workplan
8. Regional and subregional organizations and processes

Major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community.

1. Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2026 and 2027, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Paris Agreement[[7]](#footnote-8), the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Program**,** and other international forest-related developments
2. Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2026
3. Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network
4. Monitoring, assessment and reporting: voluntary national reporting on progress in implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the United Nations Forest instrument and voluntary national contributions,
5. Forum Trust Fund
6. Initial discussions on the final review of the effectiveness of the IAF in achieving its objectives
7. Emerging issues

**Table 3: Twenty-second session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2027 (technical session)**

1. Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017 –2030: Thematic priorities for the biennium 2027-2028 are GFGs 2, 4 and 6
2. Other technical session items
3. Contributions of members of the Forum to implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: progress in implementation of the outcomes of the IAF-MTR, report on the outcomes of the CLIs, new announcements of voluntary national contributions, updates on voluntary national contributions and their follow-up related to the thematic priorities,
4. Contributions of, and enhanced cooperation with, partners to achieving the thematic priorities
5. Contributions of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations and the United Nations system to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on the workplan of the Partnership
6. Contributions of regional and subregional organizations and processes to achieving the thematic priorities
7. Contributions of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on major group workplans
8. Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2027 and 2028, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Paris Agreement[[8]](#footnote-9), the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Program, and other international forest-related developments
9. Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2027
10. Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network
11. Monitoring, assessment and reporting: voluntary national reporting; global core set of forest-related indicators
12. Forum Trust Fund
13. Emerging issues

**Table 4: Twenty-third session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2028 (policy session)**

1. Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017 –2030: Thematic priorities for the biennium 2027-2028 are GFGs 2, 4 and 6
2. Other policy session items and consideration of relevant proposals contained in the Chair’s summary from the twenty-second session
3. New announcements of voluntary national contributions
4. Progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the IAF-MTR
5. Report on the outcomes of the CLIs
6. Updates by stakeholders and partners on activities in support of the thematic priorities
7. Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its workplan
8. Regional and subregional organizations and processes
9. Major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community
10. Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2028 and 2029, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Paris Agreement[[9]](#footnote-10), the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Program, and other international forest-related developments
11. Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2028
12. Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network
13. Monitoring, assessment, and reporting: voluntary national reporting on progress in implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the United Nations Forest instrument and voluntary national contributions,
14. Forum Trust Fund
15. Preparations for the final review in 2030 of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests in achieving its objectives
16. High-level segment
17. Adoption of the programme of work of the Forum for the biennium 2029-2030
18. Emerging issues

1. Adopted under the UNFCCC in FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Please see paragraph 30 to 32 of the UNSPF. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Presented by the UNFFS during the UNFF Expert Group Meeting (EGM in June 2023 in United Nations Office in Nairobi Kenya) <https://www.un.org/esa/forests/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Note-EGM-reporting-timeline-online-tool.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. See E/CN.18/2023/5. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The general guidance is similar to the agreed guidance by the ECOSOC on the programme of work of the Forum in paragraph 1 to 4 of annex to ECOSOC resolution 2020/14 at: <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n20/192/44/pdf/n2019244.pdf?token=m2RhNmFc4dgJ9UCLex&fe=true>

   Minor adjustments are made to reflect the reference to Forum’s sessions and related years. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Adopted under the UNFCCC in FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21 [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Adopted under the UNFCCC in FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21 [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. Adopted under the UNFCCC in FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21 [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. Adopted under the UNFCCC in FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21 [↑](#footnote-ref-10)