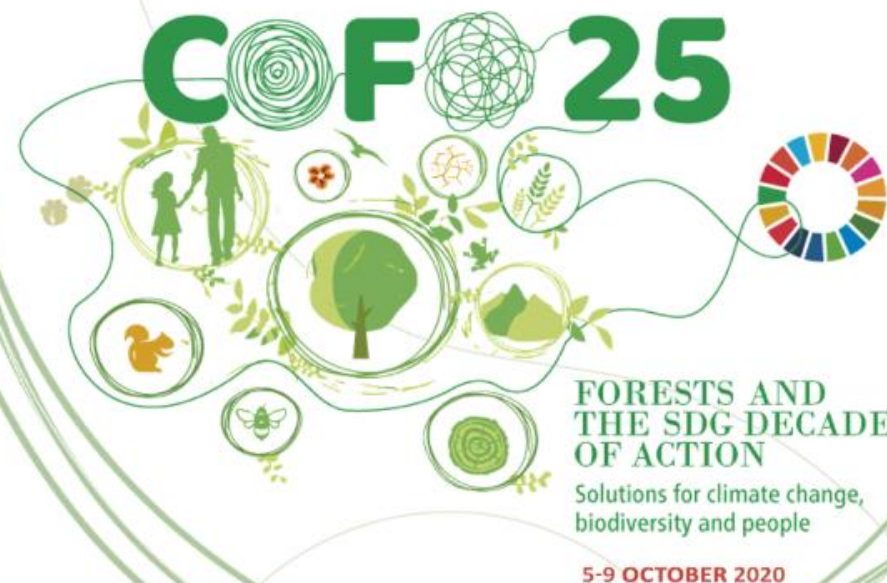




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FAO's PROGRAMME OF WORK IN FORESTRY UNDER THE REVIEWED STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



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MOVING FORWARD

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE
FAO FORESTRY PROGRAMME IN 2018–2019

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8 priority thematic areas:

1. Halting deforestation globally, particularly from agriculture
2. Addressing forest degradation and promoting SFM
3. Increasing forest cover through restoration, reforestation and afforestation
4. Improving forest-based livelihoods, prosperity and human well-being
5. Mitigation of and adaptation to climate change and strengthening resilience of ecosystems and communities to climate change through forests
6. Mainstreaming forests and trees through cross-sectoral and inter-agency approaches at all levels
7. Increasing means of implementation from all sources
8. Strengthening governance frameworks at all levels

Global developments influencing FAO's work on forests

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Paris Agreement
- Aichi Biodiversity Targets and post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030
- The Bonn Challenge and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- UN System: Turning the tide on deforestation
- Big data and technological innovations
- The COVID-19 pandemic

Proposed priority areas of work 2022-2025

Promote the sustainable management of the world's forests and trees clustered around three key areas of work and related means of implementation:

1. Halting deforestation and forest degradation
2. Conservation and sustainable use of forest resources to enhance forest-based livelihoods
3. Forest restoration, reforestation and afforestation

Underpinned by work on data and statistics on the status and trends in forests, forest products and forest-related livelihoods contributions, including support provided to countries to put in place national forest monitoring systems.

The Committee may wish to:

- Take note of the accomplishments in FAO's work in forestry in the 2018-19 biennium including the alignment with the SDGs;
- Provide guidance on the main priorities for FAO's work in forestry to be taken into account in the review of the Strategic Framework and the preparation of the Medium Term Plan 2022-2025;
- Review and advise on the global developments and their implications for the forest sector.

The Committee may wish to:

- Welcome the accomplishments in FAO's work in forestry in the 2018-19 biennium including the alignment with the SDGs, the Global Forest Goals of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests and the guidance provided by the 24th session of COFO;
- Encourage FAO to continue to support Members in their efforts to protect, restore and sustainably manage forests, including through halting deforestation; restoring degraded forest ecosystems and promoting the conservation and sustainable use of forest resources, and request FAO to ensure that the new strategic framework adequately reflect FAO's role as the leading UN system organization on forest matters;
- Request countries to ensure that post COVID-19 recovery plans and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework integrate government priorities in forestry.

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Thank you.

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