

27th Session of the Committee on Forestry
Comments on item 6. from Japan

- Japan recognizes huge potential of the bioeconomy or forest-based bioeconomy approaches for solving various issues in the environment, food and health, and achieving sustainable economic growth as well.
- We have formulated the latest national bioeconomy strategy in June 2024, which aims to revitalize the sustainable food supply industry, contribute to reducing CO2 emissions by promoting forest-based bioeconomy approaches such as expanding large-scale wooden buildings, sustainable forest management and circular use of forests with transforming the forestry into a growth industry.
- Approximately 70% of Japan's land area is covered by forests, of which more than 40% are planted forests. We believe that utilizing the abundant forest resources, especially as for large-scale wooden buildings, contributes to our national goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.
- We encourage FAO to have leadership with close cooperation both Forestry and agriculture sectors at FAO for scaling up forest-based bioeconomy approaches across the entire agri-food system, including forestry.
- As for the Call for Action for advancing sustainable wood pathways, Japan appreciates excellent leadership led by the H.E Minister Totschnig and the government of the Austria, we strongly support the outcome statement on the WOOD for GLOBE: leading pathways to carbon neutrality and resilience. We would like to continue working for sustainable forest management and wood use with many of like-minded countries and organizations for our healthy life and sustainable future.