

27th Session of the Committee on Forestry  
Comments on item 7.1. from Japan

- Forests and trees are vital for sustaining and transforming agrifood systems, as they conserve soil, store water and contain a great deal of biodiversity.  
Japan considers it is important that forests contribute to the productivity and sustainability of food and agriculture through an integrated approach to agriculture and forestry.
- FAO's Forestry Roadmap: From Vision to Action 2024-2031 clarifies priority actions under the three goals, in line with FAO's strategic framework and UNSPF, and links them to Four betters and the priority programme areas.  
We welcome that FAO has developed this roadmap through an open process.
- We look forward to specific guidance from FAO on how to involve stakeholders in implementation, and how progress can be integrated with and reviewed by FAO's existing monitoring and reporting systems at national, regional and global levels in the future.

Comments on item 7.2. from Japan

- Japan welcomes the various initiatives in the forestry sector undertaken by FAO within FAO's Strategic Framework for 2022-31.
- In particular related to Priority 1 (Halting deforestation and enhancing resilience), under Japan funded project, FAO-REDD+ team has been developing a "solution tree" designed to facilitate governments' access to solutions for addressing the root causes of deforestation and forest degradation.  
We expect that this will be a truly useful tool, as it is being developed in an interactive process involving a diverse range of stakeholders, not only from the forestry and agricultural sectors.
- In relation to Priority 4 (Data, statistics, analytics), the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) is an important report to understand the status and trends of forests around the world and provides essential basic data for policy formulation.  
Japan recognizes the FRA as one of FAO's flagship tasks and appreciates FAO-FRA team for their dedicated efforts in formulating FRA 2025.  
Last year, Japan hosted an Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop in Tokyo in collaboration with FAO and would like to continue to contribute to this work.
- (The priority 1 and 4 for 2022-23 are taken over in the priority areas for 2024-25 and

beyond.) We encourage FAO to pay particular attention in two areas. And we would like to continue to contribute to these areas.