

27th Session of the Committee on Forestry

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Item 8.6 Decisions and recommendations of FAO Bodies of interest to the Committee (COFO/2024/6.6)

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| <p>Japan Friday, 28 July 2024 11:11 (CET)</p> | <p>Japan supports the FAO’s efforts to submit a Voluntary Code of Conduct for the sustainable use and management of plastics in agriculture (VCoC) at the 29th Committee on Agriculture (COAG29). We expect FAO to lead in sharing information about the VCoC discussions held under COAG with the 27th Committee on Forestry (COFO27) and to promote understanding among all member countries.</p> |
| <p>United States of America Friday, 28 July 2024 17:03 (CET)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As we continue discussions of bioeconomy, the United States suggests that FAO use the term “forest-based bioeconomy approaches” as agreed at the 19th Session of the UN Forum on Forests omnibus resolution. As there is not an agreed definition of “forest bioeconomy” or even of “bioeconomy,” “forest-based bioeconomy approaches” acknowledges that stakeholders are likely to include a mix of social, environmental, and economic components when considering forest bioeconomy approaches. • With regard to the COAG 28 Report, the United States would like to emphasize the need for FAO to collect, analyze, <u>and report</u> (which was not mentioned in COAG Report) on the agricultural and forestry interlinkages. In many parts of the world, forests are under intense pressure from agricultural expansion and FAO is uniquely placed in the UN system to highlight those threats and offer potential responses. Given forests’ multiple contributions to the SDGs, KMGBF goals, Paris goals, GFGs, etc. we expect COFO and FAO to be at the center of such conversations. |