

27th Session of the Committee on Forestry

Written Correspondence Procedure – inputs from Members – Original language

Item 9.1 Multi-year Programme of Work of the Committee on Forestry 2024-2027 (COFO/2024/7.1)

Member Name	Comments
<p>European Union and its 27 Member States Friday, 28 June 2024 09:03 (CET)</p>	<p>In response to the written correspondence procedure, we are honoured to share with you a statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate the document informing on progress in implementing the MYPOW 2020-2023 covering the full period between COFO 26 and COFO 27 and in addition presenting the Committee’s approach and working method to achieve its objective in 2024-2027. • Commend the work done on a wide range of issues with regard to implementation of MYPOW 2020-2023 and detailed description of intersessional activities of the COFO Secretariat and the COFO Steering Committee. • Acknowledge in particular the progress on the linkages between forestry and agriculture and the collaboration between COFO and COAG and support further collaboration in the future. • Support the consultations with RFCs, which are indispensable for cross-sectorial work, and encourage deepening those consultations. • Adopt the MYPOW 2024-2027 and support the increase of the efficiency of the work of the Committee to address the pressing challenges facing our forests and the urgent need for coordinated action. • Recommend inserting, along with planned activities, an indication of measurable result or output, which will allow the members of the Committee to more easily review the achievements and appreciate and evaluate the implementation of the planned measure.
<p>Japan Friday, 28 June 2024 11:11 (CET)</p>	<p>Japan welcomes FAO's continued efforts on the forestry and agriculture linkages and collaboration with COAG. Given the urgency of decoupling agricultural commodities production from deforestation and biodiversity loss, we expect that further expansion of actions in collaboration with the agricultural sector will be discussed in depth under Agenda 5.</p> <p>Japan provides funding for FAO’s BiG-CHANCE project, which is working to develop tools that are useful for policymakers and producers in preventing deforestation through the establishment of sustainable agricultural supply chains. We appreciate the cross-departmental collaboration within FAO to develop and disseminate these tools.</p>

	<p>Japan appreciates the inputs from COFO to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development towards achieving the SDGs which include the key message regarding sustainable use of forest resources along with forest conservation and restoration. In particular, we would like to emphasize that the use of sustainable forest resources, including timber, will greatly contribute to establishing a carbon neutral and circular economy.</p>
<p>United States of America Friday, 28 June 2024 17:03 (CET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United States welcomes the inclusion of coordination with COAG in the MYPOW 2024-2027, and supports the proposed actions. • The United States notes that the MYPOW 2024-2027 identifies holding focused and efficient sessions as objectives for future sessions. In light of COFO 27’s planned work modalities and longer than customary workdays, we would encourage the Secretariat and Steering Committee to take measures to ensure COFO 28 and future COFOs are focused and efficient to allow for normal business hours.
<p>New Zealand Wednesday, 03 July 2024 12:32 (CET)</p>	<p>New Zealand welcomes and supports the suggestion to continue to hold sessions in conjunction with a World Forest Week.</p> <p>New Zealand notes with appreciation the draft Multi-year Programme of Work, and the step wise improvements to make them more informative.</p> <p>We encourage the continued engagement with the HLPF to promote the role of forests in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and combatting adverse effects of climate change.</p> <p>We also invite the Committee to continue to develop its working methods, and those of the Regional Forestry Commissions, during intersessional periods and to consider the role and extent of virtual events in consultation with Members.</p> <p>We also request that the Committee consider the timing of sessions to facilitate participation of colleagues in the Pacific.</p>
<p>Mexico Thursday, 04 July 2024 12:36 (CET)</p>	<p>Mexico welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the analysis and adoption of the Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024–2027, in accordance with the recommendations made at the Twenty-sixth Session.</p> <p>Mexico acknowledges the considerable progress made in implementing the MYPoW for 2020–23. In particular, we highlight the importance of the following achievements:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of the role of forests in post-pandemic recovery and their contribution to economic sustainability; • Promotion of sustainable forestry practices has supported the resilience of local economies; • We appreciate the FAO Action Plan on Climate Change (2022–2031) and its work on forest fire management; • We recognize the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030) as an important framework for our restoration efforts. <p>Mexico supports the adoption of the Multi-Year Programme of Work for 2024–2027 and highlights the following key points that we consider to be of importance for its success:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper allocation of resources is crucial to achieving our sustainable forest management objectives; • Coordination with the Committee on Agriculture should be strengthened with a view to promoting agricultural practices that conserve forests and preserve ecosystem services; • Collaboration between and among FAO technical committees should continue, ensuring effective mainstreaming of forest policies into technical and policy dialogues. <p>Mexico commits to working collaboratively with all COFO Members to ensure the successful implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work for 2024–2027.</p>
<p>Australia Friday, 05 July 2024 14:12 (CET)</p>	<p>Australia encourages that the timing of both sessions and intersessional meetings considers our colleagues in the Pacific. We note that the informal member’s briefing for this 27th session of the Committee was held early on a Saturday morning Pacific time. We also encourage FAO to consider aligning the timing of sessions with other engagements for relevant ministries in order to maximise chances of high-level participation, particularly from regions far from Rome.</p> <p>We support the continued efforts towards High-Level Political Forum inputs, and encourage FAO to offer its technical support to the UN Forum on Forests’ inputs where requested by the Bureau and its members. We look forward to further discussing the activities relating to agriculture and forestry interlinkages under Agenda Item 5.</p>

