

COFO 23 WORLD FOREST WEEK

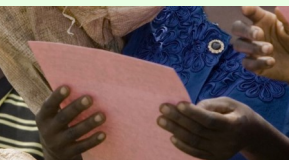
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Greening the Conference

Meetings and other **events** are standard business practice within the United Nations. At the same time, however, they can leave a significant **environmental footprint** – through air travel, consuming energy and water, generating waste, etc.

In order to reduce the ecological footprint of this 34 Session of the conference, the Secretariat of the **Committee on Forestry** in collaboration with the **FAO Infrastructure and Facilities Management** unit has incorporated sustainability into event planning.

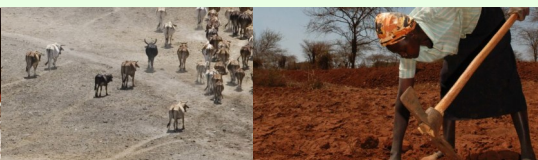
Paper



Waste



Food Waste



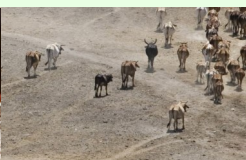
Accommodation



Energy



Food



Water



Offsetting



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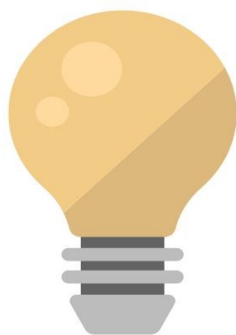
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Offsetting

COFO this year will offset the emissions from the air travel and local commuting produced during the 23 Session.

Specifically, the conference climate will be neutral by funding a project through the UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now Platform.



Lighting

Most rooms in FAO Headquarters have been provided with efficient **lighting** systems (LED and sensor technology) that enable energy conservation.

The corridor lighting has also been upgraded with the same technology, allowing FAO to annually save approx. USD 71,000 and 150 tonnes CO₂/e emissions.



Waste

Four types of **waste streams** are managed here:

- Organic (bio-cups, fruit, soiled napkins);
- Paper (printing paper, cartons);
- Multi (plastic, metal and glass); and
- Mixed waste (what we aim to avoid!);

Please make sure to separate your waste according to these categories and remember that all cups at FAO HQ are compostable (including the ones that look like plastic).



Air Conditioning

The **temperatures** in most rooms are automatically controlled by the FAO maintenance group according to standard seasonal ranges.

Please keep a mild temperature in your meeting room and help FAO lower its energy consumption and emissions release accordingly.

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Food

Some of the COFO side event's coffee breaks and receptions offer a **sustainable menu** (i.e. organic, seasonal, local, rich in ancient grains, vegetables and meatless)! For more info, please consult the table tents available at the tables.

You can find a similar offer in the cafeteria: just look at the labels of each dish!



Food Waste

FAO is very keen to ensure that food waste is prevented by its caterers. All unsold cooked food (except for salads) will be collected from the Headquarters' cafeteria and distributed throughout Rome by the **food bank Siticibo**.

Please, remember not to overbuy food to avoid food waste!



Paper

The paper used for the conference printouts is composed of certified **30% recycled fibers**.

There are limitations to how much paper can be collected after use and how many times fibers are recycled, especially now that the physical amount of paper recoverable for recycling has been reduced due to digitalization.



Water

In order to **reduce costs and plastic waste**, at FAO HQ you can:

- Refill your bottle at one of the existing water dispensers throughout FAO HQ, that provide normal cold or sparkling options;
- Receive water from pitchers along with cups/ glasses, if the Messenger service is available;
- Get water from the thermoses during coffee breaks and receptions.