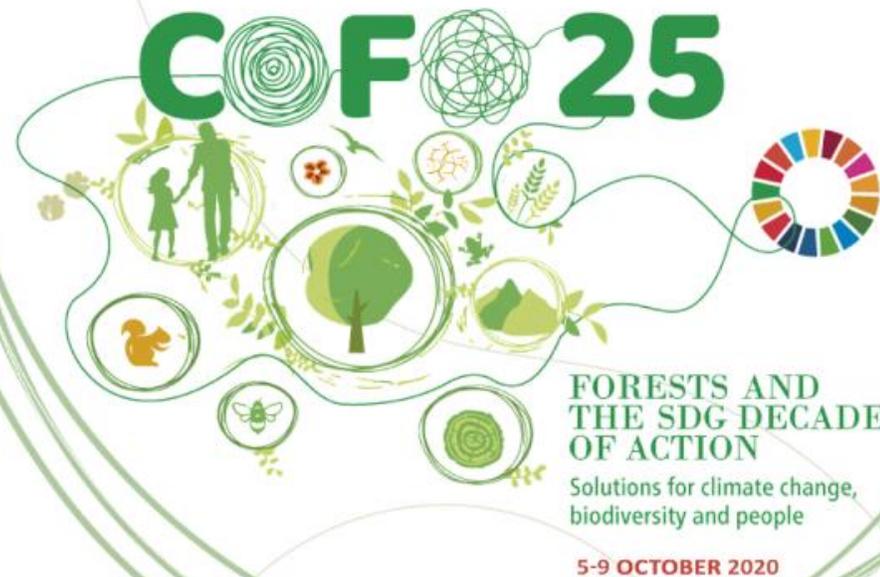




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Preparations for the XV World Forestry Congress



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BACKGROUND

- **World Forestry Congresses** have been held since 1926, with FAO support since 1954
- CL155 endorsed the offer of the **Republic of Korea** to host WFC 2021.



CONGRESS THEME:

Building a green, healthy and resilient future with forests



SUB-THEMES:

1. Turning the tide: reversing deforestation and forest degradation
2. Nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation and biodiversity conservation
3. The green pathway to growth and sustainability
4. Forests and human health: revisiting the connections
5. Managing and communicating forest information and knowledge
6. Forests without boundaries: enhancing management and cooperation

Expected outcomes

1. Renewed commitments
2. Strengthened recognition of the role of forests in sustainable development
3. Promotion of collaboration across borders and boundaries
4. Enhanced cooperation of various stakeholders
5. Outcome documents developed through an open and participatory process
6. Outcome be brought to:
 - a) FAO Governing Bodies
 - b) CBD COP15
 - c) UNFCCC COP26
 - d) UNFF
 - e) UN Food Systems Summit

Suggested actions by the Committee

The Committee may wish to invite members to:

- support the Congress through participation and sponsorship;
- present proposals for matters of national and global interest;
- identify potential target audiences of the Congress outcomes.

The Committee may wish to invite the Republic of Korea to:

- provide support and guidance in relation to the pandemic;
- present the Congress outcomes to international instruments and processes where they are a Party or Member.

Suggested actions by the Committee

The Committee may wish to request FAO to:

- align Congress' outcomes with COVID-19 rebuilding and SDG implementation;
- present outcomes to RFCs, COFO, the FAO Council and Conference for consideration in developing FAO policies and programmes;
- support Korea in presenting Congress' outcomes to international processes and instruments.

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Thank you.

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