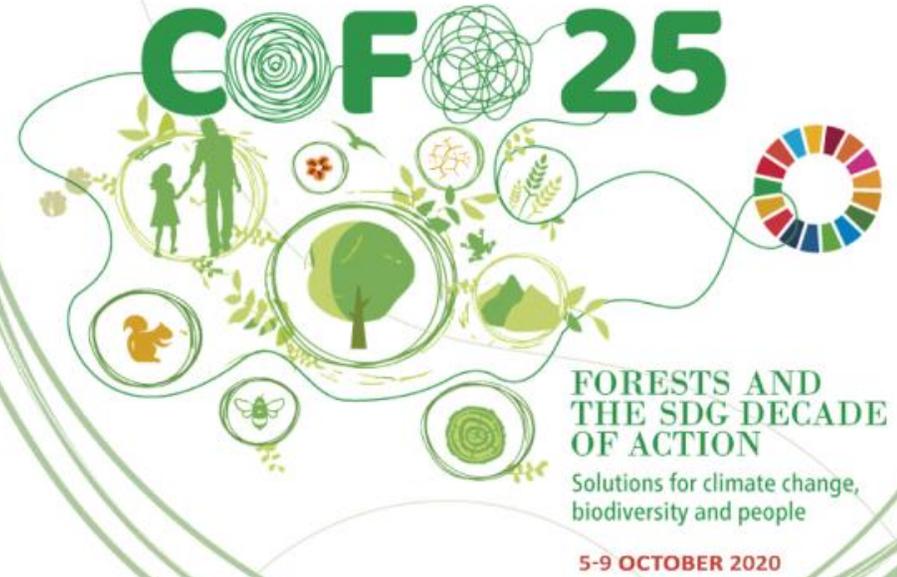




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The International Commission on Poplars And Other Fast-growing
Trees Sustaining People and the Environment (IPC)



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The IPC Reform

- The IPC has been working to reform its Convention and organization so that it can better contribute to the SDGs. At its 5th Special Session (February, 2019), the IPC adopted amendments to its Convention, with the subsequent approval of the Conference at its 41st Session (June, 2019). The amendments to the IPC Convention are therefore in force.
- At its Fifth Special Session Members of the IPC encouraged the IPC Executive Committee to continue its work, making the IPC an effective instrument in light of the expansion of the IPC's scope.



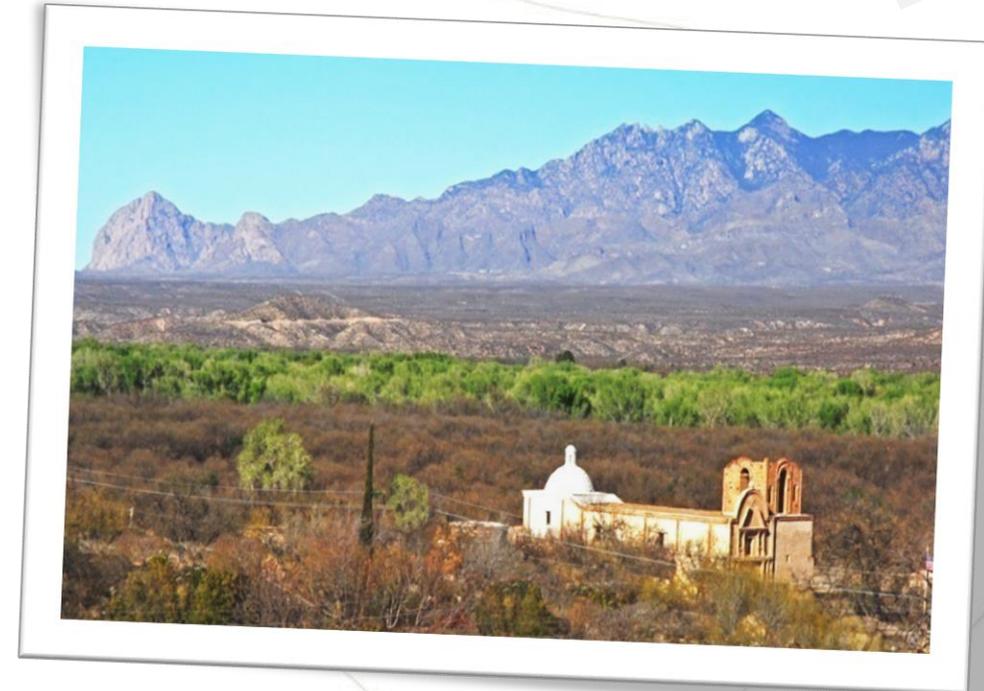
Developing a mission and strategy after the IPC Convention reform

Continuing the work to make the IPC an effective instrument

- **The IPC has prepared a Vision Statement that articulates its mission under the scope of its new Convention, which includes contributions to the Decade of Action for the 2030 Agenda, the UN Decade for Family Farming, and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.**
- **IPC Mission: the IPC improves livelihoods and facilitates production of ecosystem goods and services by fostering the sustainable management of fast-growing trees worldwide.**
- **Actions to achieve this Mission: 1) the IPC will seek to foster innovation in production systems involving fast-growing trees; 2) the IPC will rigorously assess innovations to establish best management practices of fast-growing trees; and 3) it will make recommendations to Members and FAO so that good practices achieve scale**

The 26th Session of the IPC and 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee

- Co-hosted with Italy, the 26th Session of the IPC, initially planned to be held in Rome, Italy, at FAO headquarters from 6 to 9 October 2020, has been postponed to the autumn of 2021 (***dates have yet to be determined***). The meeting is open to all FAO Members.
- The 50th Executive Committee meeting of the IPC will be held virtually in the autumn of 2020.
- The IPC Session will include discussions on the IPC Vision, a draft IPC Strategy and arrangements for implementation. The Session will also include thematic and technical presentations on fast-growing trees that support livelihoods and the provision of ecosystem services.





Points for consideration

The Committee may wish to:

- **take note with appreciation the achievements of the IPC reform process;**
- **advise the IPC Executive Committee on concrete actions through fast-growing species to support the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration;**
- **encourage Member Countries of FAO to participate in the 26th IPC Session in Rome and consider joining the IPC as members, considering the expansion of the IPC scope**

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Thank you.