

25th Session of the Committee on Forestry

Item 9.4 - PREPARATIONS FOR THE XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

Introductory Notes

The paper provides a short overview of the preparations for the Congress, focusing on the themes and sub-themes as key building blocks of the architecture of the week-long event. It explains options for contributions to the Congress and presents a provision for the possible content of, and ways of developing the Congress' outcomes, as well as options for bringing these outcomes to the attention of multiple fora, including FAO Governing Bodies and major forest-relevant global processes and instruments.

Logistical elements were not available at the time of writing, therefore a special presentation will complete this report where the Republic of Korea, as the host country, will provide information on the venue and modalities of the event and explain how the Congress will take the safest option and the preventive measures that will be taken for the safety of all participants in light of the evolving global situation around COVID-19.

The Committee may wish to, among others:

- invite members to support the preparations and holding the Congress in multiple ways;
- invite Korea to present the Congress outcomes to international processes and instruments where it is a member or party
- request FAO align the Congress discussions and outcomes with COVID-19 rebuilding and SDG implementation and present the outcomes to its governing bodies for consideration and incorporation in organizational policies and programmes.