

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><b>European Union and its 27 Member States</b> 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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Support the consultations with RFCs, which are indispensable for cross-sectorial work, and encourage deepening those consultations.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Japan</b> 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</p>

	<p>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><b>United States of America</b> Friday, 28 June 2024 17:03 (CET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The United States welcomes the inclusion of coordination with COAG in the MYPOW 2024-2027, and supports the proposed actions.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Zealand</b> 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><b>Mexico</b> Thursday, 04 July 2024 12:36 (CET)</p>	<p>México agradece la oportunidad de contribuir al análisis y aprobación del Programa de Trabajo Plurianual para 2024-2027, conforme a las recomendaciones formuladas en el 26.º periodo de sesiones.</p>

	<p>México reconoce los significativos progresos realizados en la implementación del PTPA para 2020-23. En particular, destacamos la importancia de los siguientes logros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• el reconocimiento del papel de los bosques en la recuperación post-pandemia y su contribución a la sostenibilidad económica;</li> <li>• la promoción de prácticas forestales sostenibles ha apoyado la resiliencia de las economías locales;</li> <li>• apreciamos el Plan de Acción para el Cambio Climático de la FAO (2022-2031) y los esfuerzos en la gestión de incendios forestales;</li> <li>• reconocemos al Decenio de las Naciones Unidas para la Restauración de Ecosistemas (2021-2030) como un marco importante para nuestras iniciativas de restauración.</li> </ul> <p>México apoya la aprobación del del Programa de Trabajo Plurianual para 2024-2027 y destaca los siguientes puntos clave que consideramos relevantes para su éxito:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• la adecuada asignación de recursos es crucial para alcanzar nuestros objetivos de gestión forestal sostenible;</li> <li>• Fortalecer la coordinación con el Comité de Agricultura para promover prácticas agrícolas que conserven los bosques y mantengan servicios ecosistémicos;</li> <li>• Continuar con la colaboración entre los comités técnicos de la FAO, asegurando una integración eficaz de las políticas forestales en los diálogos técnicos y políticos.</li> </ul> <p>México se compromete a trabajar de manera colaborativa con todos los miembros del COFO para asegurar la implementación exitosa del Programa de Trabajo Plurianual para 2024-2027.</p>
<p><b>Australia</b> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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>
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