

26th Session of the Committee on Forestry

Item 9.3. Multi-year Programme of Work of the Committee on Forestry 2020-2023

The Committee on Forestry (COFO) adopted its Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023 (MYPOW) at its 25th Session in October 2020 (COFO25). The MYPOW was subsequently endorsed by the 165th Session of the Council and the 42nd Session of the FAO Conference. At its 25th Session, the Committee requested the adjusted MYPOW be presented at its 26th Session (COFO26), following the adoption of the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 and the Medium Term Plan 2022-2025. The adjusted MYPOW is presented in document COFO/2022/7.3 Annex 1.

The progress report on the implementation of COFO's MYPOW 2020-2023 is submitted to the 26th Session of COFO for review and endorsement.

The current COFO MYPOW has been developed on the basis of guidance received from the Committee and intends to provide a solid basis for guiding its work in the 2020-23 period. The document is presented as a rolling plan, presenting the method of work of the Committee, and follows the format already set out by the Committee.

The Secretariat provides regular updates to the Steering Committee, the Committee, the Council and the Conference. During the intersessional period, the Secretariat and the Steering Committee conducted the following activities:

- briefing sessions were held for Members through their Permanent Representations, in May and October 2021 as well as in July 2022;
- Steering Committee meetings: the COFO Steering Committee held two virtual meetings in December 2021 and in April 2022 to monitor progress in the implementation of COFO25 recommendations and to prepare the COFO26 agenda;
- Joint Bureau meetings: on 25 October 2021, an informal meeting of the Chairpersons of Technical Committees (TCs) with FAO Senior Management was held and reconfirmed the continuing collaboration among the TCs;
- input to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF);
- consultations with the Regional Forestry Commissions; and
- Linkage between COFO and COAG, as requested by 164th and 165th Sessions of FAO Council.

Due to its rolling nature, the MYPOW should be considered as a “living document” and, as such, it can be subject to constant improvement and refinement, based on consultations among Steering Committee members during the intersessional period.

The Committee may wish to review the progress in the implementation of the MYPOW 2020-2023 as outlined in the document COFO/2022/7.3.

Malgorzata Buszko-Briggs, Secretary of the Committee on Forestry, Forestry Division, FAO