

Report

Distinguished delegates

First of all I'd like to underline that European region has advantage comparing with other regions – we are working jointly with the UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry in the framework the Integrated Programme of Work.

In addition in our region a lot of work in forestry is conducted by FAO besides IPOW. As you may know the Forty-first Session of the European Forestry Commission was held jointly with the UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry here in Rome in November 2021 in hybrid.

Besides of question of joint nature such as market discussion, forest landscape restoration, the contribution of forests and forest products to a circular bioeconomy it discussed and adopted the Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025 of COFFI and EFC was adopted.

During the EFC session it was discussed FAO activities in the region, FAO governance matters, conducted regional cross-sectorial dialogue on forestry-agriculture matters, and.

Among other EFC requested FAO to consider undertaking a review of the EFC with the aim to further enhance its relevance, including the focus on Agenda 2030 and the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31, and its efficiency and effectiveness. The Secretariat has initiated review process in September 2022, review process with primary stakeholder is underway.