

26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry

Written Correspondence Procedure – inputs from Members – Original language

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

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<p><b>Japan,</b> Thursday September 15, 2022 07:24 (CET)</p>	<p>We welcome the inclusion of the sustainable use of wood and wood production in this session, as we indicated in COFO25.</p> <p>We've been supporting the idea of SW4SW (Sustainable wood for a sustainable world) continuously.</p> <p>We would like to emphasize that sustainable wood use largely contribute to sustainable economic growth, especially green growth and establishment of carbon neutral economy.</p>
<p><b>European Union,</b> Thursday September 15, 09:57 (CET)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. We welcome that the COFO Secretariat adjusted the MYPOW 2020-2023 based on the request of the 25th session of the FAO Committee on Forestry.</li> <li>3. We do not have substantial comments on the background document; however, we reserve our right to comment on the progress in the implementation of the current MYPOW later in the plenary on the basis of the outcome of the written correspondence procedure.</li> </ol>
<p><b>New Zealand,</b> Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:07 (CET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand appreciates the update on progress in implementing the Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW). We support FAO efforts to provide briefing sessions for Members, but suggest they could have wider benefit and flexibility if available beyond permanent representatives.</li> <li>• We welcome FAO's paper "Agriculture and Forestry linkages" and support the FAO to continue exploring and working on interlinkages and nexus issues between agriculture, food security, forestry, and other areas; and providing input to High-level Political Forums and other intergovernmental forums.</li> <li>• We welcome FAO's efforts to consult with Regional Forestry Commissions with a view to strengthening their relevance, including via quality and timeliness of engagement, increasing member and civil society participation, and improving inter-linkages with other regional and international processes.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Argentina,</b> Friday, September 23, 2022 16:20 (CET)</p>	<p>Agradecemos la secretaria del COFO por la elaboración del presente documento que denota los progresos realizados en relación con el Programa de Trabajo Plurianual del Comité.</p> <p>Respecto a las acciones realizadas, no tenemos más que palabras de agradecimiento a la Secretaría por su esfuerzo, dedicación y profesionalidad a la hora de llevar adelante el PTPA, aun en circunstancias difíciles como consecuencia de la pandemia de COVID-19.</p> <p>Asimismo, valoramos la respuesta rápida y profunda para brindar análisis y proyecciones ante nuevas circunstancias y eventos, sumamente apreciado para la formulación de políticas.</p> <p>A la Argentina surge la duda de porqué el Programa Plurianual no coincide con el ciclo de sesiones de COFO como ocurre en otros comités técnicos de la FAO. De hacer coincidir el plan de trabajo plurianual con la celebración de las sesiones bienales no quedaría un período fuera de del programa como puede inferirse en este caso para el primer semestre de 2024.</p> <p>Del trabajo realizado por la Secretaría de COFO en el marco del Programa cabe destacar lo realizado en materia de vinculación entre el Comité Forestal y el Comité de Agricultura, así como las Sesiones informativas dirigidas a los Miembros atendiendo a la petición del Comité de brindar periódicamente información actualizada a los Miembros acerca de la elaboración de iniciativas en el sector forestal en las que participa la FAO. Auguramos que estas actividades claves para los Miembros sigan profundizándose en el futuro trabajo del Comité.</p>
<p><b>Russian Federation,</b> Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:46 (CET)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We acknowledge the progress in implementing the updated Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) of the Committee.</li> <li>2. We do not have substantial comments on the background document; however, we reserve our right to comment on the progress in the implementation of the current MYPOW later in the plenary on the basis of the outcome of the written correspondence procedure.</li> </ol>
<p><b>United States of America,</b> Friday, September 30, 2022 11:41 (CET)</p>	<p>The United States supports the FAO recommendation. We are not submitting additional comments.</p>