

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>We wish to thank the COFO Secretariat for the preparation of this document, which shows the progress made on the Committee's Multiyear Programme of Work.</p> <p>Regarding the actions carried out, we wish to express our gratefulness to the Secretariat for its effort, dedication and professionalism when carrying out the Multi-year Programme of Work, even under such difficult circumstances as those resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>We also appreciate the prompt and comprehensive reply to provide analyses and projections in the face of new circumstances and events, something highly valued for policymaking.</p> <p>Argentina has doubts as to why the Multiyear Programme does not coincide with the cycle of COFO sessions, as is usually the case with other FAO technical committees. Were the Multiyear Work plan to coincide with biennial sessions, there would not be a period left outside the programme, as would be the case for the first half of 2024, as it can be inferred.</p> <p>In terms of the work carried out by the COFO Secretariat in the context of the Programme, the linked work between the Forestry Committee and the Committee on Agriculture it is worth highlighting, as well as the briefings addressed to Members in response to the Committee's request to provide regular updates to Members on the development of initiatives in the forestry sector in which FAO takes part. We hope that these key Member activities will continue to be further strengthened in the future work of the Committee.</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>