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Decisions and recommendations of FAO bodies of interest to the Committee

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FAO Regional Conferences

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COFO 23 / WORLD FOREST WEEK

FAO Council and Conference

- **Endorsed the Report of the 22nd Session of the Committee on Forests**
- **Provided specific recommendations for FAO which are considered in Items 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of the current agenda**
- **Conference also provided guidance for countries on:**
 - adequate consideration of gender issues in forestry
 - collaboration of agriculture, fisheries, forestry and other land use sectors to promote the application of integrated approaches across the landscape
 - efforts to ensure adequate consideration and visibility of forests in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Committee on World Food Security (CFS41) session:

- requested the HLPE to undertake a study on “Sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition” for presentation at CFS Plenary 2017

Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA15):

- Requested FAO to continue
 - work on indicators for forest genetic resources
 - integrating forest genetic resources within its forestry programme
- Called upon countries to implement the GPA for FGR

Programme Committee (PC116):

- greater integration of the work of the RFCs into RCs and COFO
- importance of COFO's intersessional work
- FAO to fully participate in the review of the IAF and further development of international forestry policy

Committee on constitutional and legal matters (CCLM100):

- Input to the reform of the International Poplar Commission (IPC)

Regional Conferences

9th Regional Conference for Africa

- Support countries to promote sound institutional and policy and regulatory frameworks, including the VGGT
- develop innovative value chains in agriculture, livestock, fisheries, aquaculture and forests;
- support the sustainable development of natural resources;

34th Regional Conference for Latin America and Caribbean

- FAO highlighted the role of forests, fisheries and aquaculture in tackling food and nutrition insecurity
- Highlighted the value of the forest sector ... for achieving inclusive and sustainable rural development
- FAO accord greater importance to the value of forests and forest plantations with regard to risk management and climate change adaptation

Regional Conferences (II)

30th session of the Regional Conference for Europe

- Underlined the importance of agriculture, fisheries and forestry in contributing to the achievement of the SDGs, as well as climate-change adaptation and mitigation
- Highlighted the importance of forests and sustainable forest management in contributing to many of the SDGs.
- Highlighted the importance of boreal forests and their role in regulating global climate, and urged FAO to explore further possibilities for enhancing its work on boreal forests.

33rd session of the Regional Conference for the Near East

- requested FAO to develop a regional forestry and rangeland strategy for NENA

4th Informal Regional Conference for North America

- Identified North American Priorities by FAO Strategic Objectives for 2016-17, in particular for SO2 and SO3



Thank you for your attention