

Decision 2021/225

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its sixteenth session and provisional agenda of its seventeenth session

At its 8th plenary meeting, on 8 June 2021, the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Took note of the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its sixteenth session;¹
- (b) Noted that the seventeenth session of the Forum would be held at Headquarters from 9 to 13 May 2022;
- (c) Approved the provisional agenda of the seventeenth session of the Forum as set out below:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON FORESTS

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Policy discussions on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:²
 - (a) Activities in support of the thematic priorities for the biennium 2021–2022:
 - (i) Update on the activities of members of the Forum, including new announcements of and updates on voluntary national contributions;
 - (ii) Update on the activities of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its member organizations and progress on the implementation of its workplan;
 - (iii) Update on the activities of regional and subregional organizations and processes;
 - (iv) Update on the activities of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and the philanthropic community, and progress on major group workplans;
 - (v) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2022 and international forest-related developments;
 - (b) Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests in 2022;
 - (c) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network;
 - (d) Monitoring, assessment and reporting:
 - (i) Proposed refinements to the format for voluntary national reporting on progress in implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions;
 - (ii) Progress on the global core set of forest-related indicators.
4. Preparations for the midterm review in 2024 of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives, including the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030.
5. Trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests.
6. Emerging issues.
7. Dates and venue of the eighteenth session of the Forum.
8. Provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the Forum.
9. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its seventeenth session.

¹ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 22* (E/2021/42).

² In accordance with the general guidance provided in annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 2020/14 of 17 July 2020, the proposals contained in the Chair's summary of the discussions of the sixteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forest will be submitted for consideration by the Forum at its seventeenth session, in 2022.