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Decision number

Decision title

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its eighteenth session and draft provisional agenda for its nineteenth session

Agenda item

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Plenary meeting

43rd plenary meeting

Originating body

United Nations Forum on Forests

Decision text

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 25 July 2023, the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Took note of the report of the Forum on its eighteenth session; [1]
- (b) Noted that the nineteenth session of the Forum would be held at Headquarters from 6 to 10 May 2024;
- (c) Approved the provisional agenda for the nineteenth session of the Forum as set out below:

Draft provisional agenda for the nineteenth 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]: activities in support of the thematic priorities for the biennium 2023–2024:
 - (a) Updates on the activities of members of the Forum, including new announcements of and updates on voluntary national contributions;
 - (b) Update on the activities of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its member organizations and progress in the implementation of its workplan;
 - (c) Updates on the activities of regional and subregional organizations and processes;
 - (d) Updates on the activities of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and the philanthropic community, and progress in major group workplans;
 - (e) 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 2024 and international forest-related developments.

4. Trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests.
5. Midterm review in 2024 of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives.
6. High-level segment, including a forest partnership forum with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, non-governmental organizations and private sector chief executive officers.
7. Adoption of the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2025–2028, including consideration of priority actions and resource needs.
8. Dates and venue of the twentieth session.
9. Provisional agenda of the twentieth session.
10. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its nineteenth session.

[1] Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2023, Supplement No. 22 (E/2023/42).

[2] In accordance with the general guidance provided in annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 2020/14, the proposals contained in the Chair's summary of the discussions of the eighteenth session of the Forum will be submitted for consideration by the Forum at its nineteenth session, in 2024.

Ref: E/2023/42, chapter 1, section A

The final edited text of this decision will be contained in the official records of the Council for 2023 (E/2023/99 (Supplement No. 1)) after editorial review.