

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

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At the 37th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2024, the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Took note of the report of the Forum on its nineteenth session;
- (b) Noted that the twentieth session of the Forum would be held at Headquarters from 5 to 9 May 2025;
- (c) Approved the provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Forum as set out below:

Draft provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Technical discussions on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
 - (a) Contributions of members of the Forum to implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
 - (i) Report on the outcomes of the country-led initiatives;
 - (ii) New announcements of voluntary national contributions;
 - (iii) Updates on voluntary national contributions and their follow-up related to the thematic priorities;
 - (b) Contributions of and enhanced cooperation with partners to achieving the thematic priorities:
 - (i) Contributions of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations and the United Nations system to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on the workplan of the Partnership;
 - (ii) Contributions of regional and subregional organizations and processes to achieving the thematic priorities;
 - (iii) Contributions of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community, to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on major group workplans;
 - (c) 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 2025 and 2026, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, including the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme, and other international forest-related developments;
 - (d) 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 2025;
 - (e) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network;
 - (f) Monitoring, assessment, and reporting: voluntary national reports; capacity-building for reporting; global core set of forest-related indicators; next Global Forest Goals Report.
4. Progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the midterm review of the international arrangement on forests.
5. Trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests.
6. Emerging issues.
7. Dates and venue of the twenty-first session of the Forum.
8. Provisional agenda of the twenty-first session of the Forum.
9. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its twentieth session.

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The final edited text of this decision will be contained in the official records of the Council for 2024 (E/2024/99 (Supplement No. 1)) after editorial review.