The Forum has universal membership and promotes the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests and strengthens long-term political commitment to this end.

18th session of the Forum (UNFF18, May 2023)
UNFF18 held technical discussions on implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030, focusing on Global Forest Goal 2 (Enhanced forest-based benefits) and Global Forest Goal 3 (Increased area of sustainably managed forests). UNFF18 also provided input to the 2023 HLPF.

19th session of the Forum (UNFF19, May 2024)
UNFF19 will hold policy discussions on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, and include:
- the midterm review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF)
- a high-level segment with Ministers and senior officials which will include a partnership forum with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, Major Groups and other stakeholders
- adoption of the quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for the period 2025–2028.

UN Strategic Plan for Forests and the Global Forest Goals
The UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 (A/RES/71/285) features six Global Forest Goals and 26 targets to sustainably manage all types of forests and trees, halt deforestation and forest degradation, as well as increase forest area by 3% by 2030. The Forum monitors progress in the implementation of the UNSPF.