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A new strategic document for FAO in forestry

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2050 Vision for Forests and Forestry

A world where:

- forests are fundamental for food security and improved and resilient livelihoods, supporting sustainable agriculture and human wellbeing
- forests protect biodiversity and help mitigate and adapt to climate change
- integrated approaches to land use help improve policies and practices on land use and capitalize on the benefits of integrating forests with agriculture and maintain multiple forest services in the landscape context



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- Welcomed the 2050 Vision on Forests and Forestry
- Requested FAO to strengthen its work to help implement the Vision
- Requested FAO to:
 - ✓ Initiate a process for reviewing the FAO Strategy for Forests and Forestry
 - ✓ In the light of recent developments, elaborate a new strategic document that is fully aligned with the corporate Strategic Framework
 - ✓ Present it to the 24th Session of the Committee after consultation with Regional Forestry Commissions



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Global Developments of relevance to the strategy

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- Aichi Biodiversity Targets and CBD COP13 outcomes on mainstreaming biodiversity
- 2030 Agenda and the SDGs
- Paris Agreement on Climate Change
- Rome Declaration on Nutrition + Framework for Action and subsequent COFO recommendation on strengthening forests' role in food security and nutrition
- HLPE report on sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition and CFS44 outcomes
- UN Strategic Plan for Forests



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FAO Strategic Framework

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Five cross-cutting strategic objectives:

1. Contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition
2. Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable
3. Reduce rural poverty
4. Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems
5. Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises

Additional (Sixth) Objective: Technical quality, statistics and cross-cutting themes (climate change, gender, governance, and nutrition)

Indicators are aligned with the SDG indicators



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Core functions of FAO

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- Facilitate, support and promote development and implementation of **normative and standard-setting instruments** in countries and **policy dialogue** at global, regional and country levels
- Assemble, analyze, monitor and improve **access to data and information**
- Advise and support **capacity development** and generation, dissemination and uptake of **knowledge, technologies and good practices**
- Facilitate **partnerships** for food security and nutrition, agriculture and rural development
- **Advocate and communicate** at national, regional and global levels



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Other strategic considerations

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- FAO's common vision for sustainable food and agriculture aiming at a streamlined approach to the SDGs
- Strategy for FAO's work on Climate Change
- COFO guidance to support countries in:
 - strengthening dialogue across sectors
 - Integrating forestry in NDCs and their implementation
 - Developing cross-sectoral policies and governance frameworks
 - Increasing resilience and reducing vulnerability
 - Monitoring, reporting and verification
 - Enhancing the use of sustainable wood



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Potential focus of the strategy (1)

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- Consider the existing governance framework of FAO
- Present a medium term plan of action (2030)
- To be implemented within the Strategic Framework
- Identify priority areas for actions for implementing:
 - the 2050 Vision
 - the UNSPF
 - global agreements relevant for forests
 - emerging organizational strategies
 - guidance from Regional Forestry Commissions, COFO and other governing bodies of FAO



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Potential focus of the strategy (2)

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- **Follow the structure of FAO Medium-Term Plan (2018-2021) and UNSPF**
- **Provide discussion on:**
 - Role of forests in the broader sustainable development agenda
 - Overview of challenges and developments
 - Core functions of FAO in forestry
 - Specific objectives for forestry
 - Implementation and review framework



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Points for consideration

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The Commission may wish to:

- Consider the above elements for a new strategic document and provide advice on its appropriate structure and key components
- Provide guidance on:
 - clarifying and operationalizing forests' contributions to the SDGs
 - ways and means of operationalizing the 2050 Vision on Forests and Forestry and the Global Goals on Forests of the UNSPF
 - identifying key normative and operational functions for FAO in the above



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Thank you!



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