

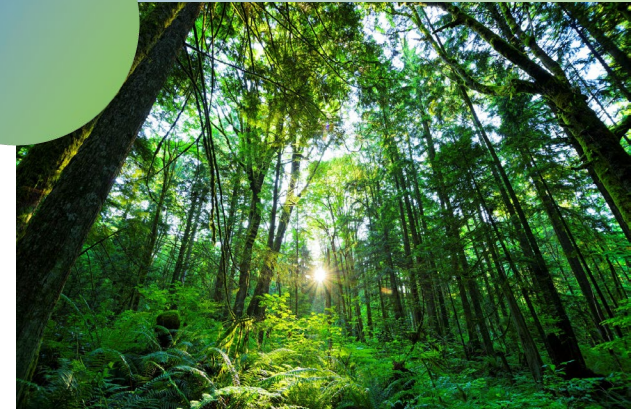


Integrated Programme of Work review process

Item 7

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Options for the review process of the
Integrated Programme of Work

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Background: Review of IPOW 2022 – 2025

Review process 2024-25 (no matter which option is chosen) for the IPOW 2026-2029 covers:

Programme of work, Terms of Reference of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management; composition and Terms of Reference of the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists and Guidelines for ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists.

Note: JWP as a subsidiary body of COFFI implements IPoW through TOSs and technical advice. Therefore, JWP seeks guidance on best review process conduct.

Background: Review of IPOW 2022 – 2025

- Review assesses scope, structure, content of programme; methods; partnerships; outputs; objectives; distribution of work under COFFI and EFC.
- Review considers (a) evaluation of 2022-2025 IPoW, implementation results, past experience; and (b) the development of a proposal for IPoW 2026-2029.
- **Based on final decision by JWP TODAY**, secretariat prepares tentative timeline for a roadmap of the review of the Integrated Programme of Work for the consideration by the Joint Session of COFFI and EFC in November 2023.
- **Draft IPOW Work 2025- 2029 is submitted for endorsement to the Joint COFFI/EFC session in autumn 2025**

Three Options – IPoW Review process conduct

Secretariat proposes **3 options** for conducting the current IPoW review to be organized in 2024:

- **Secretariat- organized hybrid workshop(s) for member States**
- **External evaluation by third party**
- **Self-evaluation by secretariat**

Option 1: Secretariat-organized workshop(s) with member States

2024 –English-only hybrid format (see 2021) for officially nominated representatives from member States only

- First workshop reviews the old IPoW and provides comments
- Based on the comments, the secretariat with Joint Bureau Members, prepares a draft text of IPoW 2026- 2029 based on current IPoW.
- Member States receive the zero-draft text for written feedback prior to workshop.
- Secretariat summarizes suggestions received in written and shares it with Heads of Delegations prior to workshop.
- The secretariat the workshop, participants discuss proposed amendments and agree on a revised text.

First workshop possibly back-to-back with JWP 2024 session to allow for a maximum number of in-person delegations. [Second workshop back-to- back with 2024 COFFI session]

Budget implications for member States: NONE

Option 2: Thorough external evaluation conducted by a third-party

- **2024 - Independent evaluator** reviewing relevance, coherence, efficiency and sustainability of IPoW in the context of the needs of member States and shifting global policy agenda and resources available in the secretariat. This could include but would not be limited to questionnaires to member States and observers, followed up by interviews with stakeholders.
- The independent evaluator reports on **findings of review and secretariat prepares a draft IPoW 2026-2029 for at 2025 JWP**

Budget implications: about 20,000 USD for a member States' funded EXCOM approved external evaluation project.

Option 3: Self-evaluation conducted by the secretariat

- **2024 - Secretariat** reviewing relevance, coherence, efficiency and sustainability of IPoW in the context of the needs of member States and shifting global policy agenda and the resources available in the secretariat. This could include but would not be limited to questionnaires to member States and observers, followed up by interviews with stakeholders.
- **The findings and draft IPoW 2026- 2029 presented at JWP 2025.**

Budget implication for member States: NONE

The Joint Working Party is invited to discuss 3 proposed options

**JWP Preference will be
transmitted to the November 2023
COFFI/EFC Joint session.**