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Update on Global and Regional Initiatives and Processes of Relevance for the Commission

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UNITED NATIONS DECADE ON
**ECOSYSTEM
RESTORATION**
2021-2030

- FAO co-leads with UNEP
- Multi partner trust fund replenished, totaling USD 33 millions
- Launch of 10 world restoration flagships pioneering restoring the natural world around the globe
- FAO forestry is leading the taskforces on best practices and on monitoring in support of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration



Outcomes of the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity



Mainstreaming biodiversity in forestry



- 11-15 oct 2021, Kunming, China (part 1), and 7-19 dec 2022, Montreal, Canada (part 2)
- Adoption of the Kunming-Montreal global biodiversity framework (GBF), 6 goals and 23 targets
- Announcement of global biodiversity framework fund
- GBF monitoring framework with 26 headline indicators (4 under FAO custodianship)

2nd World Forum on Urban Forests



- 16-20 October 2023, Washington DC, USA
- Co-organized by FAO, the Forest Service of the US Department of Agriculture, and several other partners from the United States of America and Europe
- The Silva Mediterranean Working Group on Urban Forestry held its 16th meeting in June 2023



30 NOV - 12 DEC 2023

27th of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

- 6-18 November 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
- 7 November 2022, world leaders launched the forest and climate leaders' partnership (FCLP)
- Forests in the Sharm el-Sheikh implementation plan, reinforced REDD+ as outlined in article 5 of the Paris agreement
- FAO forestry contributed to 32 events at COP27

COP28 UAE

30 November – 12 December 2023

FAO engagement:

- Support for COP28 Presidency themes on ‘Nature, Land Use and Oceans’ and ‘Food, Agriculture and Water’
- UN System Side event on peatlands
- Co-organization of Food and Agriculture Pavilion (FAO, CGIAR, IFAD, Rockefeller). Proposed events: forestry-agriculture solutions, UN Decade, International Mountain Day 2023, reversing deforestation CPF event
- Forest, Land Use and Oceans Day in UNEP Pavilion (UN-REDD, CPF)
- Other events in country/thematic Pavilions (e.g. fire management, social forestry, REDD+, mangroves, forests-water, adaptation)



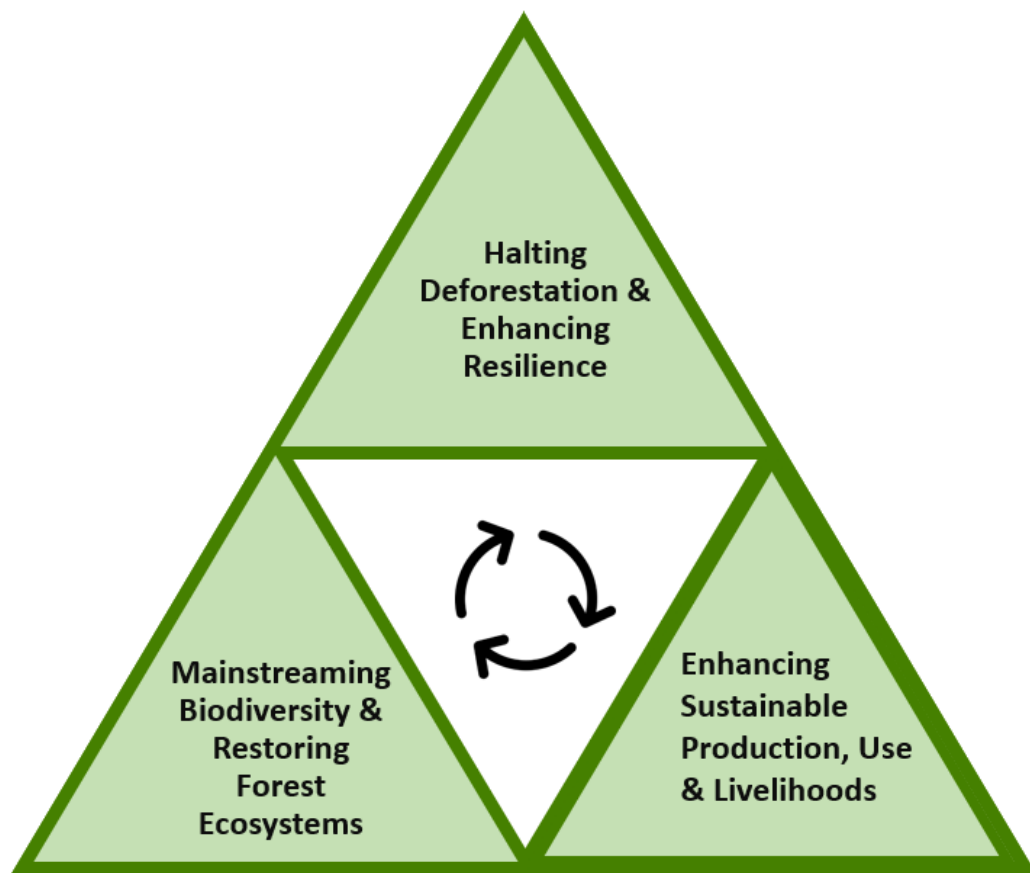
SOFO 2024

THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S FORESTS

Forestry Innovations for a Better World

**Launch at COFO 27
(22 to 26 July 2024, FAO HQ)**

Forestry Innovations for a Better World



1. Global forests at a glance

2. Innovation in the forest sector

- technological, product, social, policy, financial, institutional

3. Case studies

4. Way forward

- outlook on global forestry trends
- mainstreaming innovation for the 3 pathways

Youth Call for Action





Global Forest Resource Assessments

- Most comprehensive view of the world's forests and the ways in which the resource is changing
- Reporting through FRA national correspondents
- Series of regional and sub-regional workshops
- Regional workshops for European countries: Pan-European Data Collection Workshop for Forest Europe, Helsinki, Finland 11-14 September 2023
- A series of seven online sessions were organized in French in June and July 2023
- Data collection for all 236 countries and territories of the to be completed in 2023

United Nations Forum on Forests

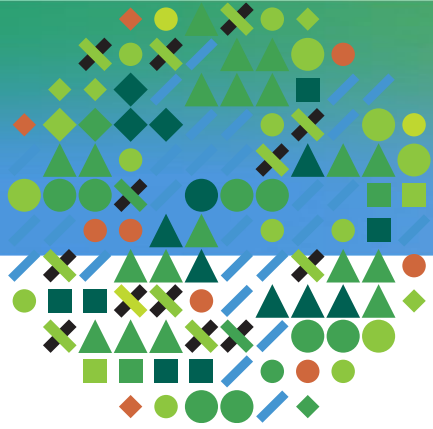
UNFF18 (technical session)

- 8-12 May 2023, New York, in-person
- FAO contributed to plenary sessions and side events
- The output: **Chair's Summary**, transmitted to UNFF19
(www.Un.Org/esa/forests/forum/index.html)

UNFF19 (policy session)

- 6-10 May 2024, New York, fully in-person
- 9 May 2024 High-Level segment
- Two negotiated outcomes: **HL declaration** and an **Omnibus Resolution** (incl. a decision on the IAF midterm review)





CPF

Collaborative Partnership on Forests

- FAO - Chair of the CPF
- New Member: Green Climate Fund
- IAF midterm review (CPF OLI, retreat and input to AHEG)
- High-Level event at the SDG Summit, 18 September 2023
- CPF contribution to Climate Action at COP28
- Input to UNFF19 (2024)





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High-Level Event

MEETING

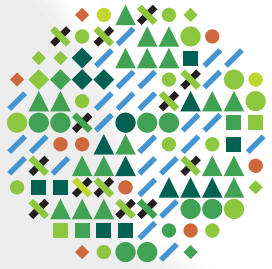
CPF at the SDG Summit: Forests for our Future

SDG SUMMIT
2023

A Statement by the CPF Member Organizations

Joint Call to Action for Forests towards 2030

New York, 18 September 2023



CPF

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Theme for the
International Day of Forests 2024

Forests and Innovation



International Day of Forests

**Suggested
action by the
Commission:**

The commission is invited to take note of:

- the global processes and initiatives, and provide guidance, as deemed appropriate.
- the theme for the International Day of Forests 2024 on “Forests and Innovation”.



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Thank you

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