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Input to FAO Governance

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Regional forestry input to FAO governance



Committee on Forestry

Mandate:

- ❑ periodic reviews of forestry problems of an international character
- ❑ review the programmes of work of the FAO on forestry
- ❑ advise the Director-General on the future programmes of work on forestry

(Basic Text, Rule XXXI)



Website: [26th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry](#)



27th Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO)

22-26 July 2024, FAO HQ, Rome

- ❑ 124 FAO Members
- ❑ 36 out of the 41 Members of EFC are COFO Members

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Possible items at COFO 27:

1. **Items from COFO 26 recommendations:**
 - Agriculture and forestry linkages (item to be presented to COFO 27 and to COAG 29)
 - FAO Strategy on Climate Change 2022-2031
 - Update on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
2. **Item related to the FAO biennial Theme for 2024-25: “Water resources management”**
3. **New emerging items relevant to the mandate of COFO**
4. **Regional priorities**
5. **FAO’s Forestry Roadmap 2024-31**



A world map composed of green dots, with five colored location pins (red, blue, orange, purple, and light blue) placed over different regions. Each pin is accompanied by text describing a regional forestry commission and its meeting dates in 2023.

**North American Forest
Commission (NAFC)**
25-27 September 2023

European Forestry Commission (EFC)
20-24 November 2023

**Near East Forestry and Range
Commission (NEFRC)**
10-23 September 2023

**African Forestry and
Wildlife Commission
(AFWC)**

30 October – 3 November 2023

**Asia-Pacific Forestry
Commission (APFC)**
2-6 October 2023

**Latin American and Caribbean
Forestry Commission (LACFC)**
26-30 June 2023

Regional Forestry Commissions (statutory bodies art .VI.)

- Provide inputs from the regions to COFO agenda
- Chairpersons of the RFCs act as members of the COFO Steering Committee (Vice-chairs of COFO)
- Report to the Regional Conferences
- Identify regional priorities for FAO's work in forestry

Recommendation to COF027 agenda

Latin American, Near East, and North American Regions

FCLAC33:

- Sustainable forest management and restoration
- Bioeconomy and value chains
- Forests and agrifood systems
- Forest financing
- Integrated fire management

NERFC26:

- Agriculture and forestry linkages (forest and rangeland resilience, restoring silvopastoral systems, drought management)
- Sustainable wood production and planted forests in drylands

NAFC32:

- Agriculture and forestry linkages
- Wildfires
- Climate change
- Indigenous People and local communities
- Overall support to topics proposed by FCLAC and NEFRC

Recommendation to COF027 agenda

Asia Pacific and African Regions

APFC30:

- **Agriculture and forestry linkages**
- **Climate resilient agriculture and forestry systems**
- **Key terminology and definitions**
- **Upscaling forest financing**
- **Forests and food security**
- **Data for evidence-based decision making**
- **Integrated fire management**
- **Forest and landscape restoration**
- **Wood/fiber supply/demand**

AFWC24:

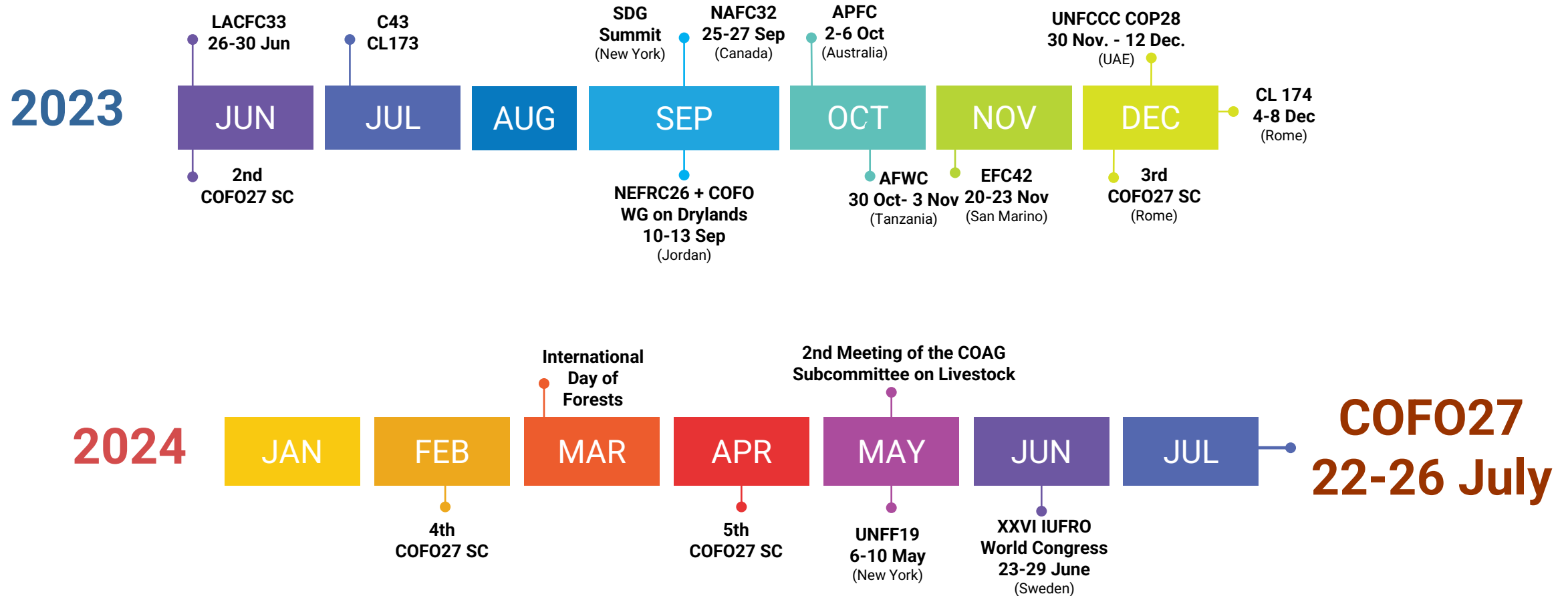
- **Integrated fire management**
- **Conserving forest-related ecosystems**
- **Combating illegal wildlife trade**
- **Sustainable wildlife management, One Health approach, and human coexistence with wildlife**
- **Beekeeping value chain development**
- **Carbon market in Africa**
- **Forest management in the Small Islands Developing States**

Lessons learned from COF026

(based on feedback received through the COF026 survey and interviews)

- 1. ASSURING A MORE FOCUSED SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA AND TIME FOR DEBATE IN PLENARY**
- 2. PRIORITIZE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION WITH GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE COMMITTEE**
- 3. THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE PROCEDURE**

Provisional timeline towards COF027 and important international meetings June 2023-July 2024



Input to the FAO Regional Conference

34th FAO Regional Conference for Europe (ERC33)

RFCs “to have a more policy-relevant role in the FAO regional conferences, and invited FAO to support further integration of important regional forest-related matters”

Bringing forest issues to the focus of regional policy dialogues.





The Commission is invited to encourage Members to:

Continue to actively support the regional forestry commission as the main instrument in forestry for linking the global and regional levels under the FAO strategic framework 2022-31;

Develop recommendations for the regional conference, for the COFO agenda, and the programme priorities, in particular regional, for FAO in forestry.

The Commission is invited to recommend FAO to:

- ensure that recommendations are presented to the secretariats of COFO, RFCs and the Regional Conferences.



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Thank you

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