

Quadrennial Programme of Work 2017-2020

UN organizations, other international, regional and subregional organizations and processes, as well as non-governmental partners are encouraged to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF) through their work programmes, and consistent with their mandates.

The Quadrennial Programme of Work (4POW) is the contribution of the United Nations Forum on Forests to implement the UNSPF, which sets out priority actions and resource needs, beginning with the period 2017-2020.

The thematic priorities/areas of actions of the sessions of the United Nations Forum on Forests are determined by the Forum and guided by the UNSPF. (*Ref E/2015/33 para 40*)

The 4POW 2017-2020 will be a matrix which identifies two sets of priority actions: (i) operational priorities called for in E/2015/33 and the UNSPF; and (ii) thematic priority (ies) and associated actions linked to the Global Goals and associated targets.

Thematic priorities/areas of actions, and resources needs for UNFF12-15 will be considered at AHEG2, taking into account the need to align them with the eventual Global Goals and associated targets, as well as actions of the UNSPF.

Illustrative format for the 4POW 2017-2020 (UNFF 12-15)

UNFF Session	Priority Actions	Supports Goal/target	Resource Needs
2017 UNFF12¹	Thematic Priority (ies) from UNSPF and associated actions² (to be added)		
	Operational priorities – Matters to be considered for appropriate actions by the Forum from E/2015/33 and UNSPF³		
	a. Guidelines for operation of GFFFN, as well as review and advise on the availability of resources for its operation (6.f.iv ⁴)		
	b. Revised CLI/OLI/RLI/MGI guidelines to enhance CLI contributions to Forum’s work (6.e)		
	c. Forum’s contribution to the HLPF 2017 and its related theme and SDGs (35, 36)		
	d. Cycle and format for national reporting on the UNFI (16.c), including modalities for communicating Voluntary Planned Contributions (VPCs)		
	e. Measures to restructure Forum sessions and outputs to maximize impact and relevance (6.b)		
	f. Actions taken by CPF to strengthen its operations (21, 22)		
2018 UNFF13	Thematic Priority (ies) from UNSPF and associated actions (to be added)		
	Operational priorities - Matters to be considered and decided by the Forum from E/2015/33 and UNSPF⁵		
	a. Proposals and recommendations from UNFF 12 (2017)		
	b. Progress on implementation of the UNSPF		

¹As odd-year sessions of the Forum, UNFF12 and UNFF14 will focus on “implementation and technical advice” as set out in para 6.f of ECOSOC resolution 2015/33. UNFF12, as the first Forum session following the adoption of E/2015/33 and the UNSPF, is transitional in nature and may take decisions as needed to facilitate the Forum’s work.

² The discussion on the thematic priority (ies) and associated actions in odd year sessions of the Forum will include inputs from the CPF and other stakeholders. The discussions aim to share knowledge and best practices on thematic priorities, including the science-policy interface (6.g.ii)

³ The UNFF Secretariat will provide necessary background materials on (a) to (e) to assist the Forum in its consideration of these matters. The CPF will provide a report on (f).

⁴Citations in parenthesis refer to the relevant paragraphs in E/2015/33 consideration of items (a) to (f).

⁵ The UNFF Secretariat will provide necessary background materials on (a) to (h) to assist the Forum in its consideration of these matters. The CPF will prepare the report on (i).

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2018 UNFF13	Operational priorities - Matters to be considered and decided by the Forum from E/2015/33 and UNSPF⁶		
	c. Progress on implementation of the UNFI and the VPCs		
	d. Forum's contribution to the HLPF 2018 and its related theme and SDGs		
	e. Guidance on the operation of the UNFF Trust Fund (6.f.v, 17.a.ii)		
	f. Recommendations to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of GFFFN operations (14a)		
	g. Progress on implementation of ECOSOC resolution 2015/33 (56)		
	h. Proposal for an inter-regional coordination mechanism on forests (IRCMF)		
	i. CPF Report on its activities		
	j. <i>Other actions from UNSPF to be added as appropriate</i>		
2019 UNFF14	Thematic Priority(ies) from UNSPF and associated actions (to be added)		
	Operational priorities - Matters to be considered by the Forum from E/2015/33 and UNSPF⁷		
	a. Progress on implementation of the UNSPF		
	b. Performance of GFFFN and availability of resources (6.f.iii & iv)		
	c. Enhancing global forest policy coherence and a common international understanding of SFM as set out in UNFI (6.f.ii)		
	d. Forum's contribution to the HLPF 2019 and its related theme and SDGs (35, 36)		
	e. Secretariat proposal to better synchronize data collection, streamline/harmonize reporting and reduce reporting burdens (16.b)		
	f. <i>Other actions from UNSPF to be added as appropriate</i>		

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2020 UNFF15	Thematic Priority (ies) from UNSPF and associated actions (to be added)		
	Operational priorities - Matters to be considered and decided by the Forum from E/2015/33 and UNSPF⁸		
	a. Proposals and recommendations from UNFF 14 (2019)		
	b. Progress on implementation of the UNSPF		
	c. Progress on implementation of the UNFI and the VPCs		
	d. Performance of GFFFN and availability of resources (6.f.iii & iv), and its priority actions and resource needs for 4POW 2021-2024		
	e. Progress on implementation of ECOSOC resolution 2015/33 and subsequent resolutions and decisions of the Forum (6.f.i, 56)		
	f. Forum's contribution to the HLPF 2020 and its related theme and SDGs (35, 36)		
	g. 4POW for 2021-2024		
	h. CPF report on its activities		
i. Ministerial Declaration and outcome of the Forest Partnership Forum (6.d)			

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