

## Questionnaire on the Forum's 4POW 2021-2024

1. Thematic priorities: The 4POW 2021-2024 consists of two technical-policy biennium: 2021-2022 and 2023-2024. Consistent with Annex II of ECOSOC resolution 2017/4, the Forum's odd- and even-year sessions for each biennium will be thematically linked on the basis of the GFGs and targets, taking into account the post-2020 programme of work of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). In order to carry out this guidance, would it be useful for the work programme to (check one):
  - a. \_\_\_ Identify three GFGs and associated targets as thematic priorities for a technical exchange of experiences among Member States and partners and a subsequent policy review in each biennium (progress on all GFGs are reviewed in the four-year period), taking into account the post 2020 HLPF programme of work? OR
  - b.  Leave the decision on which GFGs will be the themes for each biennium to the Bureau (current practice) in order to take into account, the post-2020 HLPF programme of work, which is expected to be agreed upon before the end of 2019? OR
  - c. \_\_\_ Other (please explain- Maximum 100 words)
  
2. Operational priorities: The 4POW 2021-2024 represents the Forum's contribution to implementing the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF). In your view, what are the Forum's main operational priorities in support of the UNSPF during this timeframe (check all that apply):
  - a.  Means of implementation for sustainable forest management (including GFFFN operations and resources)
  - b.  MAR (follow up on the flagship publication and timing for 2nd round of national reporting)
  - c.  VNCs (announcements, implementation support and follow up)
  - d.  Communication and outreach (including International Day of Forests)
  - e.  Preparations for mid-term review of the International Arrangement on Forests in 2024<sup>1</sup>
  - f.  Preparations for the High-Level Segment at the Forum's session in 2024,
  - f. Other (please list)
  
3. Other elements: In addition to the Forum's thematic and operational priorities, what other elements should be reflected during 4POW 2021-2024 (check all that apply):
  - a.  Contribution of CPF and its member organizations to UNSPF 2030 implementation,

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<sup>1</sup> Consistent with section XII of ECOSOC resolution 2015/33 and paragraph 66 of the UNSPF 2030

- b.  Contribution of regional/subregional and Major Group partners to UNSPF 2030 implementation
  - c.  Post-2020 global framework for biodiversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity
  - d.  The initial global stock-taking under the Paris Agreement (to be conducted in 2023)
  - e.  Other (please list)
4. Technical sessions: Based on the experience of the 4POW 2017-2020, how could the Forum's technical sessions in 2021 and 2023 be organized to enhance the exchange of experiences and interaction among Member States, CPF and its member organizations, and regional/subregional and Major Group partners, and to address the science-policy interface (check all that apply):
- a.  Reduce the number of panels to allow more time for exchange of experiences among participants
  - b.  Include a panel on the science-policy interface on the thematic priorities identified for each biennium
  - c.  Minimize/eliminate the time allocated for opening general statements
  - d.  Provide space for exhibits and/or training activities to highlight best practices
  - e.  Other (please list) **Based on the very positive experiences gained at previous UNFF sessions, we would very much welcome the continued involvement of scientific experts into the preparation of UNFF background analytical studies.**