

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. X 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. X Means of implementation for sustainable forest management (including GFFFN operations and resources)
 - b. X MAR (follow up on the flagship publication and timing for 2nd round of national reporting)
 - c. X VNCs (announcements, implementation support and follow up)
 - d. ___ Communication and outreach (including International Day of Forests)
 - e. X Preparations for mid-term review of the International Arrangement on Forests in 2024¹
 - f. X Preparations for the High-Level Segment at the Forum's session in 2024,
 - f. Other (please list)
Comment: in our view d. is relevant but this is not the task of the Forum

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,
 - b. ___ Contribution of regional/subregional and Major Group partners to UNSPF 2030 implementation

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

- 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): *coordinate with other global bodies, including COFO to avoid duplication and create synergies*