

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP ON FORESTS (CPF) WORK PLAN 2021-2024

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The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) envisions that "by 2030 all types of forests and forest landscapes are sustainably managed, their multiple values are fully recognized, the potential of forests and their goods and services is fully unlocked, and the Global Forest Goals, the Sustainable Development Goals, and other global forest-related goals, targets and commitments are achieved.

To support countries to achieve these aims, the CPF will effectively enhance coherence and synergy on forest-related issues and values among its member organizations and help move from deforestation to restoration."¹

This work plan 2021-2024 supports the CPF vision.

The work plan will be updated annually.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/3/cb5683en/cb5683en.pdf>

Section I: General provisions

A. Introduction

Components of the work plan

1. This work plan's components are: Section I on General Provisions; Section II on CPF activities; and Section III on follow up, review, and reporting on the progress of the work plan.
2. Section II on CPF activities is divided into two subsections and provides detailed information about (A) the recurrent activities of the CPF (including activities on emerging issues and challenges) and (B) the CPF Joint Initiatives (including those that are in the planning phase). Joint Initiatives are the primary delivery mechanism of the CPF. For both subsections, an overview of the relevance of activities and contributions to the "guiding frameworks" is provided and visualized in a table. Both subsections end with a table showing the planned annual activities, including expected outcomes and results for 2021-2024. The Annex I summarizes relevant guidance from governing bodies of CPF member organizations. The Annex II provides a more detailed overview of CPF events and activities in 2023.

Mandate and purpose of the work plan

3. The purpose of this work plan is to present the planned activities of the CPF over the period 2021-2024, facilitate their implementation, and provide information on the intended activities for member States, CPF member organizations' governing bodies, and stakeholders.
4. The member organisations of the CPF developed the work plan based on guidance received from the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)² and other governing bodies. It is aligned with the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF) and the approved Quadrennial Programme of Work of UNFF for the period 2021-2024. The plan promotes forests' contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, other internationally agreed development goals, and the objectives of relevant global forest-related agreements and processes.

Resource implications

5. The work plan provides an overview of the resource implications of CPF's recurrent activities and its Joint Initiatives. Member States are encouraged to provide voluntary financial contributions in support of these activities.

B. Guiding documents and frameworks

CPF Policy Document (membership, core functions, and delivery mechanisms)

6. The member organisations of the CPF have agreed upon a policy document that sets out the CPF mission, membership, delivery mechanisms, and Rules of Procedure³.
7. The CPF currently consists of sixteen international organizations, institutions, and secretariats with substantial programmes on forests. The current member organizations of the CPF are: Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR); Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Secretariat; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Global Environment Facility (GEF) Secretariat; Green Climate Fund (GCF) Secretariat; International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO); International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO); United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Secretariat; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat; United

² In ECOSOC Resolution 2015/35 and 2020/14

³ CPF policy document: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb5689en/cb5689en.pdf>

Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat; World Agroforestry (ICRAF); and World Bank.

8. Members have considerable capacity to deliver on CPF's core functions. By building upon the members' collective knowledge, mechanisms, and comparative advantages, the CPF significantly contributes to enhancing sustainable forest management (SFM) worldwide.

9. Per the core functions of the CPF set out in ECOSOC resolution 2015/33, the CPF policy document includes the following core functions of the CPF:

- a) Support the work of the UNFF and its member countries;
- b) Provide scientific and technical advice, including on emerging issues, to the UNFF and governing bodies of other CPF members, at their request;
- c) Enhance coherence and cooperation, as well as policy and programme and coordination, at all levels among its member organizations, including through joint programming and the submission of coordinated proposals to their respective governing bodies, consistent with their mandates;
- d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.

10. The CPF work plan will be implemented through the key delivery mechanisms: CPF Joint Initiatives, CPF Dialogues, and Focal Agencies.

CPF Strategic Vision Towards 2030

11. The member organizations of the CPF endorsed its Strategic Vision towards 2030⁴ (SV 2030) to guide the CPF's work and provide a solid framework for its future activities until 2030.

12. The SV 2030 provides an effective platform for using the aggregated potentials and skills of member organizations of the Partnership and enhancing their respective programmes' mutual support towards this shared vision.

13. To achieve the Strategic Vision, the CPF member organizations agree to advance the following strategic priorities collectively:

- a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests;
- b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making;
- c) Enhance communication and outreach activities;
- d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches;
- e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests;
- f) Identify emerging issues of significant concern to forests.

UNSPF 2017-2030 and its Global Forest Goals

14. The agreement on the first-ever UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF) was forged at a special session of UNFF held in January 2017 and provides an ambitious vision for global forests in 2030. The plan was adopted by the UN Economic and Social Council on 20 April 2017 and was subsequently adopted by the UN General Assembly on 27 April 2017⁵.

15. The UNSPF includes six Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and 26 associated targets by 2030. The GFGs are aimed at contributing to progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations

⁴ CPF Strategic Vision towards 2030: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb5683en/cb5683en.pdf>

⁵ Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its 2017 special session, E/2017/10–E/CN.18/SS/2017/2, ECOSOC Resolution 2017/4, GA Resolution 71/285.

Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UNFI, and other international forest-related instruments, processes, commitments, and goals. The six GFGs are:

- Global Forest Goal 1: Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through SFM, including protection, restoration, afforestation, and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change.
- Global Forest Goal 2: Enhance forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people.
- Global Forest Goal 3: Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests.
- Global Forest Goal 4: Mobilize significantly increased, new, and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of SFM and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships.
- Global Forest Goal 5: Promote governance frameworks to implement SFM, including through the UNFI, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Global Forest Goal 6: Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.

16. The implementation framework for the UNSPF recognizes the critical role of the CPF and its member organizations. It invites the CPF to support UNFF and its members in advancing the GFGs and targets, along with existing forest-related intergovernmental objectives and targets. It also encourages members of UNFF to support the CPF work plan and provide voluntary financial contributions to support the activities of the CPF and its member organizations⁶.

UNFF Quadrennial Programme of Work (4PoW) 2021-2024

17. Per paragraph 1 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2020/14, the UNFF at its sixteenth session adopted the programme of work of the UNFF for the period 2022–2024.

18. Per Annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 2020/14, thematic priorities of the UNFF for each biennium shall be based on the GFGs and targets, considering the programme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and relevant international forest-related developments.

19. For the biennium 2021-2022, thematic priorities for the sixteenth and the seventeenth sessions of the UNFF are (i) reversing the loss of forest cover (GFG 1); (ii) enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); and (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5 and 6).

20. For the biennium 2023-2024, thematic priorities for the eighteenth and the nineteenth sessions of the UNFF are (i) enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); (ii) increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests (GFG 3) and (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5 and 6).

Other forest-related goals/targets, instruments, processes, and international developments

21. CPF activities are also aimed at supporting efforts to achieve several other forest-related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments that have direct significance for forests and will continue to influence future work of the CPF. These include:

⁶ Paragraphs 38-40 of E/RES/2017/4.

- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs;
- The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework of the CBD;
- The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets of the UNCCD;
- The Paris Agreement and countries' efforts in enhancing their nationally determined contributions (NDCs), including through forest-related contributions;
- The UN Decades on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030) and Family Farming (2019-2028);
- The Secretary-General Initiative on Turning the Tide on Deforestation as a follow up to the Climate Action Summit held in 2019⁷;
- Emerging issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic;
- New York Declaration on Forests;
- The Bonn Challenge;
- Green Gigaton Challenge;
- CITES forest-related targets;
- Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use;
- Seoul Forest Declaration of the XV World Forestry Congress.

Section II: CPF activities

A. Recurrent activities

CPF communication and outreach activities

22. CPF maintains a website⁸ providing detailed information about Joint Initiatives, members, events, documents, and meetings. Through this website, CPF provides information to the public about its work and activities, promotes relevant content from its members, and publishes joint statements. FAO maintains the website.

23. CPF meetings⁹ provide an opportunity to exchange on synergies, consider joint activities and coordinate upcoming events.

24. CPF organizes side events, dialogues, sessions, etc., at significant events to communicate within and outside the forest sector.

Operational activities

25. CPF meets regularly for operational planning and policy coordination. CPF members aim to have at least two meetings per year in conjunction with members' significant events, including the UNFF sessions. Areas for planning and coordination include, but are not limited to:

- Organizing meetings and events, such as the Organization-led Initiatives (OLIs) and donor meetings;

⁷ The Secretary-General of the UN called for scaling up action on “Turning the tide on deforestation”, stating that “we must halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and change the way we farm”. At the UNFCCC COP25, a high-level Leadership Dialogue on “Turning the tide on deforestation” was held with Heads of UN organizations, expressing their commitment to this common goal. Halting deforestation is an essential lever in the Decade of Action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. At a meeting of the UN Executive Committee in October 2019 the Secretary-General requested that UNEP and FAO, in collaboration with other relevant entities, form a small working group to follow up on a set of recommendations aimed at scaling up action to halt deforestation by the UN system.

⁸ CPF Website: <https://www.fao.org/collaborative-partnership-on-forests>

⁹ CPF Members meetings: <https://www.fao.org/collaborative-partnership-on-forests/meetings/en>; <https://www.un.org/esa/forests/collaborative-partnership-on-forests/cpf-meetings/index.html>

- Reviewing and updating of the CPF strategic documents¹⁰ (policy document, Strategic Vision towards 2030, and work plan);
- Stimulating broader participation by existing member organizations in its activities;
- Continuing involving significant groups and other stakeholders in CPF activities;
- Contributing to the midterm review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests in 2024.

Contributions to UNFF documentation and sessions

26. CPF reports annually to UNFF on its activities, taking into account the thematic priorities of the UNFF sessions. CPF and its member organizations also provide their inputs to the relevant UNFF documents to update the status of the preparation and implementation of its work plan and respond to guidance provided by the UNFF.

27. CPF contributes to discussions at the UNFF sessions to support its work and provide scientific and technical advice.

28. CPF may organize side events and stakeholder meetings in conjunction with UNFF sessions.

Activities on emerging issues and challenges

29. CPF may respond to emerging issues and challenges identified by the UNFF or by its members through appropriate collective actions, such as the release of joint statements (e.g., the joint CPF Statement "Towards sustainability: forest solutions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," 2020¹¹; "Challenges and opportunities in turning the tide on deforestation", 2021¹²).

¹⁰ CPF Documents: <https://www.fao.org/collaborative-partnership-on-forests/publications/en>

¹¹ <https://www.fao.org/3/cb5686en/cb5686en.pdf>

¹² <http://www.fao.org/3/cb5879en/cb5879en.pdf>

Table 1: An overview of all subsection activities and their relevance and contributions to the "guiding frameworks."

Recurrent activities	CPF Core functions <i>(Policy Document)</i>	Strategic priorities <i>(SV 2030)</i>	Global Forest Goals and UNFF thematic priorities <i>(UNSPF; 4PoW 2021-2024)</i>	SDGs <i>(2030 Agenda)</i>	Other forest-related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments
Communication and outreach activities (including CPF website)	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies)	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; (c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches.	Thematic priorities for 2021-2022: (i) reversions of forest cover (GFG 1); (ii) enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); and (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5 and 6). Thematic priorities for 2023-2024: (i) enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); (ii) increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests (GFG 3); and (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5 and 6).	SDG 6 SDG 7 SDG 11 SDG 12 SDG 13 SDG 15 SDG 17	The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework of the CBD The Paris Agreement its nationally determined contributions (NDCs) The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets of the UNCCD The UN Decades on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030) and Family Farming (2019-2028) The Secretary-General Initiative on Turning the Tide on Deforestation Emerging issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic New York Declaration on Forests The Bonn Challenge Green Gigaton Challenge CITES forest-related targets Glasgow's Leaders Declaration on Forests and Land use Seoul Forest Declaration of the XV World Forestry Congress
Operational activities (including CPF meetings)	(d) Promote the implementation of UNFI & UNSPF and contribution to 2030 Agenda and other global agreements	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; (b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making; (c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches; (e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests; (f) Identify emerging issues of significant concerns to forests.			
Contributions to UNFF documentation and sessions	(a) Support the work of UNFF and members	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; (c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches;			
Activities on emerging issues and challenges	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies)	(d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches; (f) Identify emerging issues of significant concerns to forests.			

30. In addition to their financial contributions to JIs noted in Section II-B, it is estimated that CPF member organisations contribute around 558,450-643,450 USD per annum to the cost of recurrent activities of the CPF¹³.

Table 2: Work plan actions and respective aggregated resource implications for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024

Recurrent activities	2021	2022	2023	2024	Annual aggregated budget (USD) ¹⁴
	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	
Communication and outreach activities (including CPF website)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Migration of the CPF website to a new platform and improving design and user-friendliness - Proposing the IDF theme 2022 and 2023 to UNFF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeping the CPF website up to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeping the CPF website up to date - Proposing the IDF theme 2024 and 2025 to UNFF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeping the CPF website up to date 	62,000
Operational activities (including CPF meetings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of the CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Organization of 3 CPF members meetings - Organization of side events and participation at other global events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewing and updating of the CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Organization of 2 CPF members meetings - Organization of Friends of the CPF meeting at UNFF17 - Preparations for the IAF midterm review related to the CPF - Participation at other global events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewing and updating of the CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Organization of 2 CPF members meetings - Organization of Friends of the CPF meeting at UNFF18 - Organization of the meeting of CPF Principals - Preparations for the IAF midterm review related to the CPF- Organization An Organization-Led Initiative on the Assessment of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests¹⁵ (22-23 Feb 23) - Organization of a CPF retreat (22-23 June 23) - Participation at other global events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewing and updating of the CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Reviewing and updating of the CPF strategic documents (Policy Document, Strategic Vision towards 2030, Work Plan) - Preparation of a new work plan (2025-2028) - Organization of 2 CPF meetings - Preparations for the IAF midterm review related to the CPF - Participation at other global events 	370,500-420,500
Contributions to UNFF documentation and sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of inputs to the UNFF16 documentation - Update on implementation of CPF work plan 2017-2020 and preparation of CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Contribution to the UNFF16 discussions and joint CPF statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of inputs to the UNFF17 documentation - Update on implementation of CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Contribution to the UNFF17 discussions and joint CPF statement - Contribution to the preparations for the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF) related to the CPF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of inputs to the UNFF18 documentation - Update on implementation of CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Contribution to the UNFF18 discussions and joint CPF statement - Contribution to the preparations for the midterm review of the effectiveness of the IAF related to the CPF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of inputs to the UNFF19 documentation - Update on implementation of CPF work plan 2021-2024 - Contribution to the UNFF19 discussion - Contribution to the midterm review of the effectiveness of the IAF related to the CPF 	104,950-139,950
Activities on emerging issues and challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting the CPF joint statement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic 				21,000

¹³ The lower and higher figures indicate two budget scenarios: one for the period of the COVID-19 pandemic and the other for the post-COVID-19 pandemic period, respectively.

¹⁴ Budgets are indicative estimates of in-kind and cash contributions by CPF members.

¹⁵ <https://www.fao.org/collaborative-partnership-on-forests/meetings/cpf-organization-led-initiative/en>

B. Current CPF Joint Initiatives and Joint Initiatives in the pipeline

Basic information about each of the current CPF Joint Initiatives:

JI: Communicators' Network

a) Objectives:

- To coordinate among and beyond CPF members to increase the communication impact;
- To advise CPF on its communication and outreach activities and support the development of related products and initiatives;
- To support the implementation of the Communication and Outreach Strategy of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests;¹⁶
- To advise on and facilitate CPF's participation in global events;
- To facilitate the selection process for the themes for each International Day of Forests (IDF);
- To provide support for preparing and implementing the IDF;
- To promote international days such as the World Wildlife Day¹⁷ and the World Environment Day as relevant;
- To advise member states on communication and outreach-related issues at their request;
- To increase awareness of the role and contribution of the CPF brand and input to other relevant International Days and events;
- To leverage the outreach platforms of individual members.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

- contributes to all CPF core functions, Strategic Priorities of the SV 2030, GFGs, forest-related SDGs, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and highlights the multi-faceted contributions of forests to global sustainable development.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- Co-led by CIFOR-ICRAF, CITES, FAO, and UNFFS, supported by all CPF members.

d) External partners:

- International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA).

e) Time frame/duration:

- Continuous.

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget: USD 964,000 (241,000 per year)

¹⁶ Pursuant to paragraphs 71-75 of E/2017/10–E/CN.18/SS/2017/2

¹⁷ UNGA A/RES/68/205 on World Wildlife Day

Jl: Wangari Maathai Award

- a) Objectives:
 - To recognize an individual's outstanding contribution towards the preservation, restoration, and sustainable management of forests and to communicating the critical role forests play in rural livelihoods and the environment across generations.
- b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":
 - Contributes to all CPF core functions, Strategic Priorities of the SV 2030, GFGs (GFG 6, target 6.5), and forest-related SDGs.
- c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:
 - Led by FAO. All CPF members support the Jl. FAO and the host agency for the Award ceremony are on an informal Steering Committee.
- d) External partners:
 - None.
- e) Time frame/duration:
 - Continuous. It is awarded on a biennial basis, linked with major global events of CPF members.
- f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget: USD 100,000 (USD 50,000 per award)

JI: Forest Education

a) Objectives:

- Raise awareness globally of the necessity for educational and training programmes that ensure forest workers, technicians, and professionals are fit for the workplace;
- Provide technical support to forest communities and enhance forest extension services
- Focus on technical assistance, extension and educational needs of local small/medium size forestry producers, mainly in indigenous forest communities in developing countries.
- Stimulate young people's appreciation for and knowledge of forests and forest-related careers;
- Catalyse action at all levels, from sub-national to global, to strengthen forest education and training programmes, and knowledge systems;
- Enhance global platforms that facilitate information sharing and networking on forest education, training, and knowledge;
- Develop and make available tools and materials to enhance non-formal forest education, training, and knowledge.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

Quality forest education and training programmes for forest policymakers, practitioners, workers, and other stakeholders are to achieve goals in all the above-mentioned global frameworks, priorities, goals, and processes (e.g., SDG 4, Global Forest Goal 4 and its Target 4.5, etc.).

Achieving sustainable forest management is impossible in the absence of trained forest professionals and workers worldwide capable and motivated to apply best practices in forest knowledge.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- FAO, ITTO, IUFRO, CIFOR-ICRAF, the UNFF and UNFCCC, and potentially other CPF members (to be determined).

d) External partners:

- Potential external partners include the African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE), the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), RECOFTC, the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA), and the University of British Columbia (UBC); with other potential partners to be determined.

e) Time frame/duration:

- 1st FE phase closed end 2022 (2019-22) (with an extension provided and releasing the global assessment of forest education)
- 2nd FE phase planned to start end-2023- end 2025 (2 years)

f) Resource implications - indicative (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Estimated total project budget: USD 7.2 million (includes approximately USD 1 million in matching funds across all project partners)

Total estimated budget gap: USD 6.25 million (full amount to be raised)

JI: Forest Finance Facilitation

a) Objectives:

To support the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network¹⁸ to mobilize financing for the sustainable management of all types of forests and in particular to:

- Assist countries to design national forest financing strategies;
- Assist countries to mobilize financial resources from all relevant sources for sustainable forest management, including as sources of financing or as accredited entities to multilateral financing mechanisms;
- Support the Clearing House of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network by sharing existing data and information on financing from all sources for the sustainable management of all types of forests, and on:
 - funding opportunities;
 - learning materials for accessing resources;
 - lessons learned and best practices;
 - data sources on financial flows to forestry.
- To provide expert advice on phase II of the Clearing House, and in particular, its database on financing flows to forestry;
- To establish a network of relevant focal points among CPF members to collaborate in mobilizing and accessing funding from multilateral financial institutions, including the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund;
- To conduct joint activities to update data and information on forest financing in the categories mentioned above;
- To contribute to the achievement of the global forest-related goals, targets, mandates, and priorities in the Forum's quadrennial programmes of work.

b) Relevance and contributions to guiding frameworks":

- Contributes to all GFGs, forest-related SDGs, and Aichi Biodiversity Targets and particularly relevant to GFG 4, SDG target 15.b, ABT 7 and 20 Addis Ababa Action Agenda paragraph 63.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- Lead agency: UNFF; Other CPF partners: FAO, GEF Secretariat, ITTO, UNEP, UNDP, World Bank, IUCN, UNCCD Secretariat, CBD Secretariat, UNFCCC Secretariat, CIFOR-ICRAF, IUFRO, CITES Secretariat, Green Climate Fund

d) External partners:

- African Development Bank, OECD

e) Time frame/duration:

- 2021-2024

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total projected budget: USD 344,000 for 2021; USD 255,000 per annum from 2022 to 2024.

¹⁸ Pursuant to paragraphs 14(a) and 17(b)(ii) of ECOSOC Resolution 2015/33

JI: Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP)

a) Objectives:

To support UNFF and other forest-related intergovernmental processes by assessing available scientific information in a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, objective, open, and transparent way and produce reports on forest-related issues of global concern, including emerging issues.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

- CPF core functions: GFEP supports the work of UNFF and its members; provides scientific and technical advice, including on emerging issues to the UNFF and governing bodies of other CPF members, at their request; and enhances coherence, cooperation, and coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies) in communication and outreach activities, as well as in activities on emerging issues and challenges;
- Strategic Priorities of the SV 2030: GFEP supports the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; promotes the science-policy interface and science-based decision making; enhances communication and outreach activities; enhances cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches; contributes to unlocking the full potential and values of forests; identifies emerging issues of significant concerns to forests;
- GFGs and the UNFF thematic priorities for 2021-2024: GFEP is particularly relevant to GFG 4 (target 4.5) and GFG 6 (target 6.2);
- SDGs and other related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments: The GFEP initiative contributes to SDG 17 to targets 17.6, 17.14, and 17.16;
- Additionally, GFEP's thematic panels address specific SDGs and contribute to their implementation (including SDGs 1, 2, 3, 6, 13, 15). GFEP assessments also contributed to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 1, 7, 14, 15, and 19.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- The lead agency is the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), and all CPF members participate in this JI as appropriate. CBD Secretariat, CIFOR, CITES, FAO, ICRAF, and UNFF Secretariat are currently on the Steering Committee, which IUFRO chairs.

d) External partners:

- Government agencies act as GFEP donors;
- Research / educational organizations (universities, research institutes, etc.) employ authors and reviewers of GFEP assessment reports;
- Research / educational organizations (universities, research institutes, etc.) support the global assessments (organisation of meetings) and disseminate results;
- International policy processes and intergovernmental organizations provide a platform to promote and disseminate the outcomes of the global assessments.

e) Time frame/duration:

- Continuous.

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget:	USD 490,035 per annum
Available resources (<i>pending formal confirmation</i>):	USD 490,035 per annum

JI: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes (GF4SL)

a) Objectives

- The GF4SL aims to provide enabling conditions for commitments toward deforestation-free, sustainable commodity production and other forms of sustainable land use. The project's overall objective is to boost bank and investor interest to increase capital flows towards restoration and deforestation-free agriculture;
 - Outcome 1: Increase financial institutions' (and other relevant public and private stakeholders) commitments to finance deforestation-free and sustainable commodities production through 1. A Framework Agreement including Key Performance Indicators; and 2. Guidance on options for implementation of the Framework Agreement;
 - Outcome 2: Develop a standardized framework for the measurement and monitoring of environmental and social impacts related to agroforestry loans/investments;
 - Outcome 3: Enhance community-based forestry and agribusiness producer groups and enterprises' capacity to better access business knowledge products and private investment for socially and environmentally sustainable projects.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

- Contributes to CBD Aichi Biodiversity target 3 and 4, SDG 13 (climate change; 'mobilized climate finance to achieve Paris Climate Objectives') and SDG 17 ('partnership for SDG goals'), Objectives under the NY Declaration of Forests to 'end tropical deforestation by 2030 altogether and half it by 2020'.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- UNEP, CIFOR, GEF

d) External partners:

- All interested CPF members are invited to join the project Advisory Board
- The project aims at a minimum of 15 financial institutions signing the Framework Agreement
- Other public and private stakeholders (e.g., governments, businesses, trading companies) will also be approached to sign the Framework Agreement

e) Time frame/duration:

- Three years (2021-2023)

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget: USD 6,747,970 (including USD 909,883 from GEF plus confirmed co-finance)

JI: Streamlining Global Forest-related Reporting

a) Objectives:

- To harmonize global reporting on forest resources, their management, and uses for various processes and conventions;
- To improve the coverage, quality, and transparency of forest-related data and information;
- To improve monitoring of and reporting on progress towards Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda 2030, Global Forest Goals of the UNFF's Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, Paris Agreement and Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- To reduce the forest-related reporting burden on countries.

The following steps towards these objectives are:

- Develop an improved methodology for reporting on primary forests in collaboration with FAO members and other partners;
- Review and revise the scope, terms, and definitions for the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025 in collaboration with CPF members, international experts, and other partners;
- Further improve the Global Forest Resources Assessment data entry, review, analysis, and reporting platform to:
 - increase consistency, transparency, comparability, and compatibility of collected data;
 - improve the reported metadata;
 - offer the possibility to store and share more detailed data and metadata, including geospatial layers;
 - improve access to ready-to-use data for territories, countries, FAO sub-regions and regions, CFRQ, and used-specified custom country groupings.
- Further participatory development of the Tier 3 indicators of the Global Core Set of forest-related Indicators and making the set available for as many global and regional forest-related reporting processes and mechanisms as possible;
- Analysis of the uptake of the Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators by other reporting processes and the extent to which they decrease reporting burden on countries;

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

- Contributes to all GFGs, directly and indirectly, forest-related SDGs, NDCs and Paris Agreement and Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- Lead: FAO, UNFFS
- Other: CBD, CIFOR, GEF¹⁹, IUCN, IUFRO, ITTO, UNDP, UNEP, UNFCCC (confirmations pending), CITES Secretariat

d) External partners:

- JRC, WWF, WCS, COMIFAC, Montreal Process, UNECE, FOREST EUROPE

e) Time frame/duration:

- 2021-2024

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total budget: USD 668,000, estimated gap USD 50,000

¹⁹ Through CBIT Forest

JI: Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW)

a) Objectives:

This initiative's principal goal is to strengthen sustainable wood value chains to enhance their social, economic, and environmental benefits from production to consumption. By setting up collaborative activities with a broad range of stakeholders along the value chains, the initiative advances the responsible production and consumption of legal and sustainable wood. The initiative also increases the socioeconomic benefits from forests, coherence with forest, and biodiversity protection, and increases the supply of low carbon products for a climate-resilient planet.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

The SW4SW provides direct contributions to the UNSPF by advancing global and local collaboration and partnerships.

The SW4SW supports GFG 2 and GFG 5. It seeks to support forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits, including improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people. The initiative promotes policies for sustainable wood production and promotes actions to curb illegal production and trade. The initiative works with national and international bodies to consider the sustainable use of forests and wood products in their national sustainable development plans and poverty reduction strategies.

It also contributes to GFGs 4, primarily through catalysing forest-related financing from all sources (4.2) and supporting countries to develop a value chain approach to their forest finance strategies (4.3).

The SW4SW supports GFG 6, building on the capacities and comparative advantages of five CPF organisations and one international NGO while establishing cross-sectoral partnerships with various stakeholders.

The initiative contributes directly to SDGs 1, 8, 12, 13, and 15, with actions that result in income generation and decent employment, more inclusive value chains, innovation and resource efficiency in the wood industry, low carbon products, and increased opportunities for forest restoration, a tree growing, and sustainable forest management.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners:

- FAO (lead), ITTO (co-lead), CIFOR, CITES, and the World Bank.

d) External partners:

- WWF International

e) Time frame/duration:

- 2018-2024

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total target budget: USD 30 million

An estimated gap of USD 25.5 million

Includes a plan to scale up activities, with direct support to countries (estimated ten countries), knowledge management, technical exchange, and awareness campaign. The initiative does not count on specific contributions, relying on a regular budget of participating organisations and synergies with other projects. Initial estimations point to a budget gap of at least USD 25.5 million.

Basic information about planned Joint Initiatives

JI: Pathways for Designing a Mechanism to Incentivize Deforestation Free Landscapes and Value Chains for Green Growth

a) Objectives:

The study will identify fiscal measures that incentivize the forest/wood sector in the medium to long term.

Such fiscal measures would include examining 'legal' taxes (e.g., wherein theory is 'legal' but comes from deforestation), 'sustainable' timber taxes, royalties, tax benefits/returns to be applied to committed stakeholders.

The focus is to combine these elements into an incentive system that encourages increased investment in the forest and wood processing sector. Committed stakeholders are assured of fiscal support to see them through the heavy overheads and production costs of implementing sustainable value and supply chains.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks": *e.g., to CPF core functions, Strategic Priorities of the SV 2030, GFGs and the UNFF thematic priorities for 2021-2024, SDGs and other forest-related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments:*

This initiative will support and complement CPF core functions and the relevant UNFF thematic priorities 2021-24 by providing technical guidance on forest/wood sector financing and contributing constructively to several elements within the CPF SV 2030. This initiative potentially impacts all GFGs and forest-related SDGs.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners: World Bank, ITTO, CIFOR-ICRAF as partners

d) External partners: TBD

e) Time frame/duration: Time frame to be determined based on available funding

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

Total project budget for 2021: USD 75,000

JI: Turning the Tide on Deforestation

a) Objectives:

This initiative will aim to upscale global ambitions to address deforestation, map out UN system and CPF work and initiatives on deforestation, and identify gaps and propose solutions. It will focus on specific emerging issues and strengthen common advocacy based on data. The initiative will propose a global Action Plan on “Turning the Tide on deforestation,” in support of countries' efforts to halt deforestation.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

This initiative will support and complement CPF core functions and the relevant UNFF thematic priorities 2021-24, the CPF SV 2030. This initiative potentially impacts all GFGs and forest-related SDGs.

c) Lead agencies and other CPF partners: FAO, UNEP, UNDP

d) External partners: TBD

e) Time frame/duration: 2022-2024

f) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

JI: Strengthening the conservation of primary forests through enhanced partnerships and coordination of support

a) Objectives:

This project aims to support UNFF in producing primary forest related information to their members in view of better considering primary forest issues in their investment and reporting processes and promoting importance and role of primary forests in the global forest policy agenda.

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

Donor's dialogue and information. Coordination and information sharing mechanisms will be put in place to inform donors to facilitate their decision making on financing the conservation of primary forests; This will include a mapping exercise of donors' commitment and existing frameworks and instruments and a survey of what are the global financing mechanisms the donors may use to channel their pledges to countries with primary forests.

Capacity Development and information sharing: information, tools, and science will be made available to improve the understanding and capacities of the UNFF members on primary forests and increase the visibility of primary forests in forest financing, future reporting, conservation and restoration initiatives, and the global policy agenda more generally.

c) **Supporting the UNFF Secretariat:** Coordinating and reporting CPF members' work and results toward the conservation of primary forests, Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) and other relevant developments (such as PES, REDD+...). This will include enhancing the work of the GFFFN in supporting development and implementation of national forest finance strategies in countries with significant areas of primary forests. Lead agencies and other CPF partners: GEF, UNFFS, ITTO, others tbc. Note: one CPF member needs to be acting as GEF Implementing Agency of the project.

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e) External partners: TBD

Potentially Wild Heritage Foundation, ACTO, COMIFAC and Griffith University for technical/scientific aspects (TBC).

f) Time frame/duration: 2023-2024/2025/2024

g) Resource implications (total project budget, total estimated budget gap):

From the GEF: Medium Size Project (up to \$2 million). TBC.

Table 3: An overview table visualizing all activities in this subsection and their relevance and contributions to the "guiding frameworks."

CPF Joint Initiatives	CPF Core functions <i>(Policy Document)</i>	Strategic priorities <i>(SV 2030)</i>	Global Forest Goals and UNFF thematic priorities <i>(UNSPF; 4PoW 2021-2024)</i>	SDGs <i>(2030 Agenda)</i>	<i>Other forest-related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments</i>
Jl: Communicators' Network	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.	(c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests; (f) Identify emerging issues of significant concerns to forests.	Global Forest Goal 6: Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence, and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.	SDG 15 SDG 17	The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030
Jl: Wangari Maathai Award (in 2021 and 2023)	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.	(c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests;	Global Forest Goal 6: Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence, and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.	SDG 15	
Jl: Forest Education		a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches; e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests;	GFG 1 GFG 2 GFG 6	SDG 4 SDG17 SDG15 SDG 12 SDG 10 SDG 8	
Jl: Forest Finance Facilitation	(a) Support the work of the UNFF and its member countries; (c) Enhance coherence and cooperation, as well as policy and programme and coordination, at all levels among its member organizations, including through joint programming and the submission of coordinated proposals to their respective governing bodies, consistent with their mandates; (d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests;	Thematic priorities for 2021-2022: (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5, and 6) Thematic priorities for 2023-2024: (i) enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); (ii) increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests (GFG 3); and (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and	SDG15 SDG17	The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030; The Paris Agreement its nationally determined contributions (NDCs) The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets of the UNCCD The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework of the CBD

			coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5 and 6).		
Jl: Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP)	<p>(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies)</p> <p>(a) Support the work of UNFF and members</p> <p>(b) Provide scientific and technical advice, including on emerging issues, to the UNFF and governing bodies of other CPF members, at their request;</p>	<p>(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests</p> <p>(b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making</p> <p>(c) Enhance communication and outreach activities</p> <p>(d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches</p> <p>(e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests</p> <p>(f) Identify emerging issues of significant concerns to forests.</p>	<p>GFG 4 (target 4.5)</p> <p>GFG 6 (target 6.2)</p>	<p>SDG 17 primarily targets 17.6, 17.14, and 17.16.</p> <p>GFEP's thematic panels address specific SDGs (including: SDG 1, 2, 3, 6, 13, and 15)</p>	The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework of the CBD
Jl: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes (GF4SL)	<p>(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies)</p> <p>(d) Promote the implementation of UNFI & UNSPF and contribution to 2030 Agenda and other global agreements</p>	<p>(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests;</p> <p>(b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making;</p> <p>(d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches;</p> <p>(e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests;</p>	<p>Reversions of forest cover (GFG 1); Enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); Mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation (GFG 4); and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFG 6).</p>	<p>SDG 13</p> <p>SDG 15</p> <p>SDG 17</p>	The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030
Jl: Streamlining Global Forest-related Reporting	<p>(a) Support the work of UNFF and members</p> <p>(b) Provide scientific and technical advice, including on emerging issues, to the UNFF and governing bodies of other CPF members, at their request;</p> <p>(c) Enhance coherence and cooperation, as well as policy and programme and coordination, at all levels among its member organizations, including through joint programming and the submission of coordinated proposals to their respective governing bodies, consistent with their mandates;</p>	<p>(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests;</p> <p>(b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making;</p> <p>(c) Enhance communication and outreach activities;</p> <p>(d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches;</p>	All Global Forest Goals	<p>SDG 15</p> <p>SDG 13</p> <p>SDG 12</p> <p>SDG 6</p> <p>SDG 3</p> <p>SDG 2</p> <p>SDG 1</p>	<p>The Paris Agreement its nationally determined contributions (NDCs)</p> <p>The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework of the CBD</p> <p>The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030</p>
Jl: Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW)	<p>(c) Enhance coherence and cooperation, as well as policy and programme and coordination, at all levels among its member organizations, including through joint programming and the submission of</p>	<p>(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests;</p>	GFG 2, 4, 5 and 6	<p>SDG 1</p> <p>SDG 8</p> <p>SDG 12</p> <p>SDG 13</p> <p>SDG 15</p>	

	<p>coordinated proposals to their respective governing bodies, consistent with their mandates;</p> <p>(d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.</p>	<p>(b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making;</p> <p>(c) Enhance communication and outreach activities;</p> <p>(d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches;</p>			
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Table 4: Work plan actions and respective aggregated resource implications for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024

CPF Joint Initiatives	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total project budget (USD) ²⁰
	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	
J1: Communicators' Network	<p>Celebration of IDF21, communicating the theme, development of outreach products.</p> <p>Proposal of an IDF theme 2022 and 2023.</p> <p>Review, update and translate website.</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA.</p> <p>Support outreach for the WFC XV.</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COPs, UN Food Systems Summit, etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD.</p>	<p>Celebration of IDF22, communicating the theme, development of outreach products</p> <p>Review, update and translate website</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA, revamp the WMA tribute film</p> <p>Support outreach for the WFC XV</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COPs etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD</p>	<p>Celebration of IDF23, communicating the theme, development of outreach products</p> <p>Selection of the IDF theme 2024 and 2025</p> <p>Review, update and translate website</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COPs etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD</p>	<p>Celebration of IDF24, communicating the theme, development of outreach products</p> <p>Review, update and translate website</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COPs etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD</p>	USD 964,000 (USD 241,000 per annum)
J1: Wangari Maathai Award (in 2022 and 2024)	<p>Launch and promotion of the award</p> <p>Update the website</p>	<p>Establish the jury and select the 2022 awardee</p> <p>Prize, travel, and logistics for the winner</p> <p>Organization of the 2022 award ceremony event at the WFC and a panel of previous winners</p> <p>Outreach campaign for the winner</p>	<p>Launch and promotion of the next 2024 WMA</p> <p>WMA call for nominations</p> <p>Establishment of the jury and selection of the 2024 awardee</p> <p>Scoping for a high-profile events for the award ceremony in 2024</p>	<p>Prize, travel, and logistics for the winner</p> <p>Organization of the 2024 award ceremony event</p> <p>Outreach campaign for the winner</p>	USD 100,000 (USD 50,000 per award)
J1: Forest Education	<p>Conduct six regional consultations</p> <p>Publish six regional assessment reports</p> <p>Organise International Conference on Forest Education; 22-24 June 2021</p> <p>Launch of "Online Learning Course on Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains</p>	<p>Launch and publish the global assessment on forest education at the 26th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry / World Forest Week in Rome.</p>	<p>Develop updated workplan for the 2nd phase on Forest Education: J1: Forest Education: capacity development and knowledge sharing for sustainable development</p> <p>Update website</p>	<p>Work on non-formal forest education and extension for the sustainable management of forests</p> <p>Provide technical support to forest communities</p>	Germany indicated to support the second phase of the project with USD 1,000,000

²⁰ Budgets are indicative estimates of in-kind and cash contributions

	(LSSC) of Tropical Wood and Tropical Forest Products” developed by ITTO Presentation of prototype of the online platform Forestra developed by IUFRO				
Ji: Forest Finance Facilitation	A1. Regular data/information sharing by CPF member for the established CH databases; A3. Establish a Network of Accredited entities' focal points;	A1. Regular data/information sharing by CPF member for the established CH databases; A2. Identify data sources for Phase II of the CH, namely its database on financing flows to forestry A3. The GFFFN and accredited entities jointly support developing countries in accessing financing for forests.	A1. Regular data/information sharing by CPF member for the established CH databases; A2. The GFFFN and accredited entities jointly support developing countries in accessing financing for forests.	A1. Regular data/information sharing by CPF member for the established CH databases; A2. The GFFFN and accredited entities jointly support developing countries in accessing financing for forests.	A1.USD 15,000 per annum A2. USD 89,000 (for the year 2021 only) A3.USD 240,000 per annum Total: USD 344,000 for 2021; USD 255,000 per annum from 2022 to 2024
Ji: Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP)	- Selection of new topic for global assessment - Composition of a new Global Forest Expert Panel on a selected topic - Development of global assessment report on that topic	- Further development of the new GFEP assessment on Forests and Human Health - Meetings of the Global Forest Expert Panel on Forests and Human Health - Peer review and finalisation of the global assessment report	- Finalisation and launch of the global assessment report on Forests and Human Health and accompanying Policy Brief on 21 March 2023, the International Day of Forests - Communication and outreach of the global assessment outcomes - Selection of new topic for a global assessment - Composition of a new Global Forest Expert Panel on the selected topic - Initiation of global assessment report on that topic	- Further development of the new global assessment report - Finalisation and launch of the new global assessment report - Communication and outreach of the new assessment outcomes	USD 1,960,142 (USD 490.035 per annum)
Ji: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes (GF4SL)	1. Establishment of a Forest, Food, and Finance Alliance: - Framework agreement (including KPIs)	1. Lessons learned from blended finance models developed and disseminated through a minimum of min 2 info briefs focusing on	1. Min 15 financial institutions and other stakeholders sign Framework Agreement		USD 6,747,970 ²¹

²¹ This includes funding from the GEF as well as cash and in-kind contributions for this Ji from UNEP and CIFOR.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outreach and marketing - Launch - Report on options for implementation of commitments <p>2. Development and launch of a learning hub for communities and small businesses, to include tools, datasets, case studies, business models</p>	<p>(a) impact framing/measuring/monitoring</p> <p>(b) how barriers have been addressed</p> <p>(c) conditions to enable financing</p> <p>2. 5 FIs or PP initiatives work with the project on a standardized impact framework</p> <p>3. Knowledge products are available on the learning hub, min 100 producer orgs and 100 women are trained</p>	<p>2. Three additional info briefs are produced on impact framing and on addressing barriers</p> <p>3. Min 5 financial institutions adopt a standardized framework to measure and monitor impacts of sustainable LU financing</p> <p>4. Min additional 200 producer orgs and 200 women are trained</p>		
<p>J1: Streamlining Global Forest-related Reporting</p>	<p>Development of an improved methodology for reporting on primary forests in collaboration with FAO members and other partners</p> <p>Further participatory development of the Tier 3 indicators of the Global Core Set of forest-related indicators and making the set available for as many global and regional forest-related reporting processes and mechanisms as possible;</p> <p>Further improvements of the Global Forest Resources Assessment data entry, review, analysis, and reporting platform</p> <p>Review and revision of FRA scope, terms, and definitions of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025.</p>	<p>Complete development of an improved methodology for reporting on primary forests in collaboration with FAO members and other partners</p> <p>Develop of a document describing the status of, and trends in, the Global Core Set of forest related indicators</p> <p>Analysis of the uptake of the Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators by other reporting processes and the extent to which they decrease reporting burden on countries</p> <p>Further improvements of the Global Forest Resources Assessment data entry, review, analysis, and reporting platform</p> <p>Further participatory development of the Tier 3 indicators of the Global Core Set of forest-related indicators and making the set available for as many global and regional forest-related reporting processes and mechanisms as possible</p>	<p>Global Forest Resources Assessment Platform's data entry, and review, functionalities operational.</p> <p>Necessary functionalities for joint Pan-European data collection and review implemented and operational.</p> <p>Further development of the data dissemination functionalities of the Global Forest Resources Assessment platform initiated.</p> <p>Joint global UNFF-FAO workshop on reporting on progress towards global forest goals and targets of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 organized (22-24 March 23)²².</p> <p>Further participatory development of the Tier 3 indicators of the Global Core Set of forest-related indicators and making the set available for as many global and regional forest-related reporting processes and mechanisms as possible</p>	<p>Further improvements of the Global Forest Resources Assessment data entry, review, analysis, and reporting platform</p>	<p>USD 718,000</p>

²² <https://www.un.org/esa/forests/events/mar-workshop-march-2023/index.html>

<p>JI: Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW)</p>	<p>Launch of the global media campaign for sustainable wood at the WFC.</p> <p>Initial support to 2 countries in Africa</p> <p>Regional; Sub-regional National SW4SW Dialogues and technical cooperation</p> <p>Investment Forum</p> <p>Website (improvement)</p> <p>Publication of guide to develop forest-based bankable businesses</p>	<p>Presentation of the global media campaign for sustainable wood at the WFC.</p> <p>Sustainable wood plenary at the WFC.</p> <p>National policy dialogue in Cameroon focused on the elaboration of a roadmap for strengthening of sustainability, value addition and productivity of domestic and regional wood value chains.</p> <p>Side-event at the Annual Meeting of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership to present the draft regional roadmap for development for increased value addition in the wood value chains and potential of regional collaboration</p> <p>Improvement of the website</p> <p>Inputs to COFO 26/SOFO 2022</p> <p>Support to 2-4 countries.</p> <p>South-South cooperation</p> <p>Regional exchange on finance for sustainable wood production by smallholders and SMEs;</p> <p>Two country dialogues and technical cooperation</p> <p>Investment Forum session on finance for sustainable landscapes building on wood production and restoration and the WFC.</p> <p>E-learning course on developing bankable businesses</p> <p>Website (improvement)</p>	<p>Regional exchange on finance for sustainable wood production by smallholders and SMEs in Africa.</p> <p>Support to Cameroon to implement the roadmap for strengthening of sustainability, value addition and productivity of domestic and regional wood value chains.</p> <p>Presentation at the Congo Basin Forest Partnership Annual Meeting on the strengthening of sustainable wood production and consumption in the region and follow-up on the Sustainable Wood Declaration.</p> <p>Collaboration with IUFRO to implement project “Towards a Global Wood Policy Platform: Sustainable Wood for a Carbon-neutral Bioeconomy”, funded by Austria to facilitate technical and scientific knowledge and policy experience exchanges as well as global and regional policy dialogues on up-scaling the contribution of sustainable wood-based materials and bioenergy.</p> <p>Work with countries, including in the context of GEF8 proposals, to explore linkages between sustainable wood value chains and forest restoration, including to address the “wood gap”, i.e. the wood needs to support the expansion of consumption and the bioeconomy, by associating wood value chain projects to forest restoration interventions, supporting integration of forest communities and producers to value chains, and disseminating innovation to take advantage of new market opportunities.</p> <p>Promote sustainable wood value chains and sustainable production from planted and natural forests in Latin America, in joint symposium</p>	<p>Global consultation meeting to promote sustainable and legal wood use.</p> <p>Support to 2-4 countries</p> <p>Regional; Sub-regional National SW4SW Dialogues and technical cooperation</p> <p>Investment Forum</p> <p>Good practices</p>	<p>USD 30 million</p>
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			<p>with the International Commission on Poplars and Other Fast-Growing Trees Sustaining People and the Environment (IPC), at the VIII Latin American Forest Congress, in Argentina.</p> <p>Resources mobilization to support to 12 countries supported for 2-4 years), knowledge management, awareness raising, and policy networks. Regional; Sub-regional National SW4SW Dialogues and technical cooperation</p> <p>Investment Forum</p> <p>Good practices</p>		
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Section III: Follow-up, review, and reporting on the progress of the work plan

31. The CPF will follow up and take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the work plan annually, via documentation prepared for the annual UNFF sessions and through the CPF Chair's statement during the session.
32. The CPF will review the existing work plan and update it when necessary (e.g., including new CPF Joint Initiatives or other types of collective activities).
33. As part of the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests, the UNFF will review the effectiveness of the CPF in achieving its objectives in 2024. In this respect, the UNFF through the UNFF17 resolution, decided to implement the following actions related to the CPF:
- a) Assess the progress made by the CPF in carrying out its functions towards the objectives of the international arrangement on forests, as defined in ECOSOC resolution 2015/33.²³
 - b) Assess the effectiveness, impact and added value of the CPF's activities as outlined in its workplan, including with regard to its resources; output delivery; joint initiatives, including how the Forum can provide input thereto, and recurrent activities to foster the implementation of the UNSPF and the achievement of the Global Forest Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals.²⁴
 - c) Consider the suitability of establishing criteria for membership of the CPF.²⁵
 - d) Assess how the CPF could provide greater support to the policy development work of the UNFF and assist countries to strengthen their implementation of the UNSPF, UNFF resolutions and decisions on the ground, including the means to further benefit from the capacities of other international and regional stakeholders and partners.²⁶
 - e) Assess the efficacy of internal communications within the CPF to promote mutual synergies, reduce duplication and enhance the CPF's communications and outreach externally to promote awareness-raising of the multiple benefits of forests and raise the visibility of the UNSPF and the Global Forest Goals within other forest-related processes.²⁷

To carry out the above-mentioned tasks, an independent study could be carried out, in consultation with the CPF and UNFF members. The result of the study should be presented at an intersessional meeting to be organized by the CPF (the organization-led initiative) for discussion, with a view to making proposals regarding the CPF to the open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group referred to in paragraph 30 of the UNFF17 resolution.²⁸

²³ Paragraph 1 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

²⁴ Paragraph 2 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

²⁵ Paragraph 3 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

²⁶ Paragraph 4 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

²⁷ Paragraph 5 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

²⁸ Paragraph 6 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

ANNEX I: Guidance from governing bodies of CPF member organizations

This Annex provides a summary of the guidance from governing bodies that the CPF considered developing this work plan.

FAO Council (guidance from the 171st session)²⁹

- encouraged FAO to continue playing an active role in relevant international fora by promoting open dialogue on enhancing and promoting sustainable agrifood systems and further working with other international partners, including all relevant stakeholders and particularly members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), to upscale synergies between agriculture and forestry.
- recommended FAO to strengthen its leadership role in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF).

FAO Committee on Forestry (guidance from the 26th session)³⁰

- recommended FAO to continue supporting, as appropriate, increased cooperation and coordination between international policies and activities related to wood and non-wood forest products, especially through the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), to maximize synergies and co-benefits.
- encouraged FAO to continue playing an active role in relevant international and regional fora by promoting open dialogue on enhancing and promoting sustainable agrifood systems and further working with other international partners, including all relevant stakeholders and particularly members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), to upscale synergies between agriculture and forestry.
- recommended FAO to continue and strengthen collaboration with the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ) partners, members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and other partners, including UN entities, to reduce the reporting burden, enhance synergies and increase transparency of reporting processes and resulting data.
- recommended FAO to continue, in coordination with CPF members, the promotion and dissemination of the Global Core Set of Forest related indicators, and to improve their tier levels.
- welcomed the progress and accomplishments of FAO's work in support of the Global Forest Goals, the UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF) and the CPF.
- recommended FAO to strengthen its leadership role in the CPF, and facilitate active participation of CPF members in the mid-term review of the International Arrangement on Forests, in particular of the CPF.

UNFF

UNFF17 resolution

Implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests

- *Also invites* the CPF to continue strengthen its collaboration and support to the work of the Forum and its Members for the implementation of the Forum's quadrennial programme of work for the period 2021–2024 and the UN Strategic Plan for Forests.³¹
- *Encourages* Members of the Forum to implement the Global Forest Goals, taking into account national circumstances, to contribute to the implementation of forest-related multilateral instruments, processes, commitments and goals, and in this respect, *invites*

²⁹ Paragraph 20, 24 of CL/171/REP

³⁰ Paragraph 15, 17, 23, 30 of COFO/2022/REP

³¹ Paragraph 2 of UNFF17 resolution

CPF member organizations to enhance cooperation and collaborations and strengthen their support to the Forum and its Members.³²

Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network

- *Invites* members of the CPF to consider seconding staff to the secretariat to enhance the capacity of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network with a view to providing adequate and timely support to members of the Forum, and to scale up support to the activities of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network.³³
- *Further requests* the Secretariat, within the existing resources, to regularly update the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network clearing house databases, and communicate information to familiarize Members of the Forum with the databases, and in this respect, *invites* members of the CPF to contribute, as appropriate, within their mandates and available resources.³⁴

Monitoring, assessment, and reporting

- *Further requests* that the secretariat of the Forum, through voluntary contributions and in consultation with Members of the Forum, to organize jointly with the FAO and other relevant CPF member organizations, a global workshop on national voluntary reporting on progress towards Global Forest Goals and targets, with a focus on data sources, collection, and methodologies for which there is a lack of systematic data, with modalities for inclusive participation, and with due regard to all UN official languages subject to availability of extrabudgetary resources.³⁵
- *Also invites* members of the Forum and the governing bodies of member organizations of the CPF to make use of the global core set of forest-related indicators and *invites* the secretariat of the Forum, in collaboration with FAO and other relevant CPF member organizations, to arrange further work on tier 3 indicators¹, including the improvement of concepts, definitions, and voluntary testing in the field.³⁶

Preparations for the midterm review in 2024 of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests

- 30. *Further decides*:

(d) That actions contained in the annex to this resolution should be implemented, in a transparent and independent manner, and in close consultation with Members of the Forum, as well as CPF member organizations and other relevant stakeholders, including through questionnaires, where appropriate.

Annex: Actions in preparations for the midterm review in 2024, of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests

C. Actions related to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

³² Paragraph 5 of UNFF17 resolution

³³ Paragraph 16 of UNFF17 resolution

³⁴ Paragraph 18 of UNFF17 resolution

³⁵ Paragraph 25 of UNFF17 resolution

³⁶ Paragraph 27 of UNFF17 resolution

- Assess the progress made by the CPF in carrying out its functions towards the objectives of the international arrangement on forests, as defined in ECOSOC resolution 2015/33.³⁷
- Assess the effectiveness, impact and added value of the CPF's activities as outlined in its workplan, including with regard to its resources; output delivery; joint initiatives, including how the Forum can provide input thereto, and recurrent activities to foster the implementation of the strategic plan and the achievement of the global forest goals and the Sustainable Development Goals.³⁸
- Consider the suitability of establishing criteria for membership of the CPF.³⁹
- Assess how the CPF could provide greater support to the policy development work of the Forum and assist countries to strengthen their implementation of the strategic plan, Forum resolutions and decisions on the ground, including the means to further benefit from the capacities of other international and regional stakeholders and partners.⁴⁰
- Assess the efficacy of internal communications within the CPF to promote mutual synergies, reduce duplication and enhance the Partnership's communications and outreach externally to promote awareness-raising of the multiple benefits of forests and raise the visibility of the strategic plan and the global forest goals within other forest-related processes.⁴¹
- To carry out the above-mentioned tasks, an independent study could be carried out, in consultation with the Partnership and Forum members. The result of the study should be presented at an intersessional meeting to be organized by the Partnership (the organization-led initiative) for discussion, with a view to making proposals regarding the Partnership to the open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group referred to in paragraph 30 of the present resolution.⁴²

UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030

- The work of the UNFF is supported by its Secretariat, the Trust Fund for the UNFF, and the CPF. The CPF is a voluntary partnership chaired by FAO and comprising 14 international organizations with significant programmes on forests. The functions of the UNFF, its Secretariat, and the CPF are contained in ECOSOC resolution 2015/33 of 22 July 2015.⁴³
- The GFGs and targets are intended to stimulate and provide a framework for voluntary actions, contributions, and enhanced cooperation by countries and international, regional, subregional, and non-governmental partners and stakeholders. They also provide a reference for enhanced coherence and collaboration on forests within the UN system and among member organizations of the CPF, as well as among other forest-related organizations and processes.⁴⁴
- Global Forest Goal 6
Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence, and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the UN system and across member organizations of the CPF, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

³⁷ Paragraph 1 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

³⁸ Paragraph 2 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

³⁹ Paragraph 3 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

⁴⁰ Paragraph 4 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

⁴¹ Paragraph 5 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

⁴² Paragraph 6 in Section C of Annex to UNFF17 resolution

⁴³ Paragraph 20 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁴⁴ Paragraph 26 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

6.2 Forest-related programmes across member organizations of the CPF are coherent and complementary and together encompass the multiple contributions of forests and the forest sector to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.⁴⁵

- The UNFF is the responsible intergovernmental body for follow-up and review of the implementation of the UNSPF, including through providing guidance to the CPF and ensuring the smooth interplay between its odd- and even-year sessions.⁴⁶
- Member organizations of the CPF play an important role in implementing the UNSPF and are encouraged to integrate relevant GFGs and targets into their forest-related plans and programmes, where appropriate and consistent with their respective mandates.⁴⁷
- The CPF is invited to support the UNFF and its members in advancing the GFGs and targets, including through cooperation and partnership among its members, implementing a joint work plan with the CPF which is aligned with the UNFF's quadrennial programmes of work; and by identifying collective actions by all or subsets of the CPF's members, as well as associated resource needs.⁴⁸
- Members of the UNFF are encouraged to support the CPF workplan as an essential strategy for improving cooperation, synergies, and coherence among member organizations of the CPF. Members of the UNFF are also encouraged to provide voluntary financial contributions to support the activities of the CPF and its member organizations.⁴⁹
- Effective attainment of the GFGs and targets also requires the mobilization of the best available scientific and traditional forest-related knowledge. The scientific community, in cooperation with the Forum and its members, is encouraged to support the implementation of the strategic plan, through scientific inputs presented to the UNFF. In doing so, the UNFF is invited to build upon existing joint initiatives of the CPF and further strengthen these initiatives.⁵⁰
- The GFFFN of the UNFF, in close cooperation with members of the CPF, contributes to the scaling-up of sustainable forest management by facilitating access by countries to resources to implement the UNSPF and to achieve its GFGs and targets. To this end, the priorities for the GFFFN are:
 - (a) To promote and assist members in designing national forest financing strategies to mobilize resources for sustainable forest management, including existing national initiatives, within the framework of national forest programmes or other appropriate national frameworks;
 - (b) To assist countries in mobilizing, accessing, and enhancing the effective use of existing financial resources from all sources for sustainable forest management, taking into account national policies and strategies;
 - (c) To serve as a clearinghouse and database on existing, new, and emerging financing opportunities and as a tool for sharing lessons learned and best practices from successful projects, building on the CPF online sourcebook for forest financing;

⁴⁵ Paragraph 27 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁴⁶ Paragraph 35 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁴⁷ Paragraph 38 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁴⁸ Paragraph 39 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁴⁹ Paragraph 40 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁵⁰ Paragraph 61 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

(d) To contribute to the achievement of the GFGs and targets, as well as priorities contained in the quadrennial programmes of work.⁵¹

- The assessment should take into account voluntary national reporting on the implementation of the UNSPF, the UNFI, voluntary national contributions, and the results of the most recent Global Forest Resources Assessment of FAO, as well as inputs from the CPF and its member organizations and other partners within and outside the UN system, including regional and subregional organizations and relevant stakeholders.⁵²
- The UNFF, as a functional commission of the ECOSOC, should contribute to the follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs, including through the work of the CPF on global forest indicators, as well as highlight the contribution of forests to the SDGs, to be reviewed in-depth at the annual sessions of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.⁵³
- The UN system, the CPF, and its member organizations and other partners are encouraged to enhance cooperation and synergies on forest-related communication and outreach to increase the impact of their messaging and to consider joint events and products with national, regional, subregional, and non-governmental organizations and processes.⁵⁴

International Arrangement on Forests

- *Notes* the ongoing efforts of the CPF and its members and other relevant entities and processes to work jointly to further streamline and harmonize reporting, reduce reporting burdens and synchronize data collection, taking into account the collaborative forest resources questionnaire developed as part of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015, in order to foster synergy and coherence.⁵⁵
- *Decides* that the Forum secretariat should manage the GFFFN and implement its activities in collaboration with relevant members of the CPF.⁵⁶
- *Encourages* the CPF and its member organizations: (a) to strengthen the Partnership by formalizing its working modalities, including through consideration of a multilateral memorandum of understanding, and by developing procedures for its effective functioning and operation; (b) to identify ways to stimulate broader participation by existing member organizations in its various activities; (c) to assess its membership and the potential added value of additional members with significant forest-related expertise; (d) to identify ways to actively involve major groups and other stakeholders in activities of the Partnership; (e) to develop a work plan, aligned with the UNSPF, to identify priorities for collective actions by all of the members of the CPF or subsets of members and the resource implications of such actions; (f) to prepare periodic reports on the CPF activities, achievements and resource allocations suitable for a wide range of audiences, including potential donors; (g) to further develop and expand its thematic joint initiatives, taking into account the strengths and focuses of the members of the CPF.⁵⁷

⁵¹ Paragraph 62 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁵² Paragraph 68 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁵³ Paragraph 70 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁵⁴ Paragraph 74 of Annex I to E/RES/2017/4

⁵⁵ Paragraph 16(b) of E/RES/2015/33

⁵⁶ Paragraph 17(b)(ii) of E/RES/2015/33

⁵⁷ Paragraph 22 of E/RES/2015/33

CITES

- The main contribution of CITES to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the world's forests and forest genetic resources is through ensuring the proper implementation of the Convention for the plants listed in the Appendices, which total around 30,000 species. In the case of Appendix-II listed species, this entails ensuring that exports of specimens of such species are sustainable and regulated in order to maintain them throughout their range at a level that is consistent with their role in the ecosystems in which they occur.
- CITES provisions relevant to forests and forest genetic resources fall within five thematic categories: tree species, medicinal and aromatic plant species; ornamental plant species; crosscutting implementation; and cooperation matters.
- The following CITES provisions in effect after the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18, Geneva 2019) are particularly relevant for CPF:
 - Resolutions Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) on the *Implementation of the Convention for tree species*, and 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Non-detriment findings*⁵⁸; and
 - Forest-relevant Decisions⁵⁹, of which are focused in strengthening the sustainability, legality and enforcement of the Convention for forestry species listed in the Appendices.
- In particular, the following Decisions might be of special interest for CPF in the development of its post-2020 Work plan:
 - 18.14 to 18.17 on the *Tree Species Programme*;
 - 18.307 to 18.308 on the *Production of a CITES Checklist for Dalbergia spp.*;
 - 18.79 on *Enforcement* (tree Task Force);
 - 18.188 to 18.93 to on *Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa* (including African rosewood);
 - 18.94 to 18.99 on *Malagasy palisanders and rosewoods and ebonies*;
 - 18.140 to 18.143 and 16.58 (Rev. CoP18) on *Identification of timber and other wood products*;
 - 18.203 to 18.204 on *Agarwood producing taxa*;
 - 18.205 on *Boswellia* trees;
 - 18.234 to 18.237 on *Rosewood tree species* (and the development of non-detriment findings); and,
 - 18.300 to 18.303 on *Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species*.
- On 20 December 2013, at its 68th session, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed 3 March – the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ([CITES](#)) in 1973 – as UN World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants.

The UNGA Resolution [68/205](#) also designated the CITES Secretariat as the facilitator for the global observance of this special day for wildlife on the UN calendar. WWD has now become the most important global annual event dedicated to wildlife.

GEF

On June 21 2022, the GEF Council adopted the Programming Directions for the 8th GEF cycle (2022-2026)⁶⁰. These Programming Directions include several provisions to promote the Sustainable Management of Forests (SFM) in the GEF beneficiary countries. The GEF-8 strategy includes in particular a dedicated Program focused on the conservation of primary forest "Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes Integrated Program".. In addition, the new strategy offers other means to support SFM supporting a wide range of interventions in different types of forests through the Biodiversity, Climate Change and Land Degradation funding windows and through other forest-

⁵⁸ For full text available at: <https://www.cites.org/eng/res/index.php>

⁵⁹ Full text available at: <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/dec/valid18/E18-Dec.pdf>.

⁶⁰ https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/GEF-8_Programming_Directions.pdf

related Programs such as the Ecosystems Restoration, Wildlife Conservation for Development and Food Systems Integrated Programs. According to the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF, in total, the GEF has invested in GEF-7 \$943 million of grants in SFM-related projects and is expected to make at least a similar investment in GEF-8 to support the conservation and the sustainable management of forests worldwide.

CBD

Decision 14/30. Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations, and initiatives

35. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to engage with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests on the further development of its work plan and joint initiatives to implement the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 and the Global Forest Goals and their alignment with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting, and *encourages* member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to further coordinate on biodiversity-relevant data and methodologies for the development of spatial assessments of opportunities to advance on biodiversity commitments through the work of the Global Forest Goals, REDD+, and the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration, as appropriate, as well as alternative adaptation and mitigation approaches contributing to forest restoration.

36. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to provide further guidance on the type of support that may be available to Parties from members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests with regard to specific areas of implementation of the Convention, such as the Short-Term Action Plan on Ecosystem Restoration.

XIII/7. Forest biodiversity: the role of international organizations in supporting the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

5. Also invites the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, in preparing the 2017-2030 work plan of the Partnership, to consider ways and means of further enhancing their individual and collective contributions to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and support a coordinated approach to the achievement of the forest-related multilateral commitments and goals, such as the following:

- (a) Sharing experiences and related information on the implementation of the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (b) Identifying actions by which they could provide useful support to countries, including for the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, taking into account the different visions, approaches, models and tools to improve the integrated management of forests, including the development of technical capacity;
- (c) Examining their respective roles in order to leverage the comparative advantages of each of the members and to further enhance their joint contributions;
- (d) Improving monitoring of and reporting on progress, including the harmonization of indicators and reporting processes;
- (e) Improving knowledge management, including through open data platforms and interoperability to facilitate the sharing and synthesis of information;

XIII/3. Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including concerning mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors

Notes the Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests, the 2009 ITTO/IUCN guidelines for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests, as organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to operationalize sustainable forest management, ensuring the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;

ITTO

The governing body of the ITTO is the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC), being the highest authority and decision-making power of the ITTO. Governing statutes and relevant documentation relating to ITTO's work in collaboration with the CPF may be accessed through the links below:

[International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006](#)

www.itto.int/council_committees/itta/

[ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018 \(extended to 2021\)](#)

www.itto.int/council_committees/action_plans/

[ITTO Biennial Work Programme for the Years 2021-2022](#)

www.itto.int/direct/topics/topics_pdf_download/topics_id=6621&no=1&disp=inline

[ITTO Guidelines](#)

www.itto.int/guidelines/

ANNEX II: Proposed key activities of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests in 2023

I. CPF meetings and events in 2023

A full list of relevant events for the CPF and by its members is available at:

<https://www.fao.org/collaborative-partnership-on-forests/events/en>

Date	Meeting/Event	Description
22- 23 February	An Organization-Led Initiative on the Assessment of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests ⁶¹	- Input from experts on the mid-term review of the International Arrangement on Forests for the CPF
23 February	CPF members meeting (internal)	- Election of 2023 CPF Vice-Chair - Reflection on the OLI - Membership issues - Planning for 2023 - Preparations for UNFF18
21 March	International Day of Forests ⁶² : Forests and Health	- Global celebrations - Support by CPF Communicators' Network - Launch of GFEP report and Policy Brief on Forests and Human Health global assessment
22-24 March	Global workshop on reporting on progress towards Global Forest Goals and targets of the UNSPF 2030	- Advancing monitoring and reporting
4 April	UNFF Bureau-led event "Building on the nexus of forests, energy, and livelihoods to accelerate achievement of the SDGs"	- Overview on forests, energy, and livelihoods to accelerate achievements of the SDGs - Joint issue brief by FAO, IUFRO, UNDP and UNFFS
18 April	Meeting of the CPF's Communicators' Network	- Selection of the IDF 2024 and 2025 theme proposals - Strategizing for the call for nominations for the Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award - Discuss communication related outcomes of the OLI
9 May	CPF members meeting	- Preparations for the CPF strategic retreat
8-12 May	UNFF18 session ⁶³ , NY	- CPF inputs under item 3(c)(i) - Friends of the CPF meeting (as Members State briefing on CPF activities/side event) - IUFRO side event on Forests and Human Health

⁶¹ <https://www.fao.org/collaborative-partnership-on-forests/meetings/cpf-organization-led-initiative/en>

⁶² <https://www.fao.org/international-day-of-forests/en/>

⁶³ <https://www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/index.html>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meeting/Event</i>	<i>Description</i>
5 June	World Environment Day	- Outreach and advocacy (led by UNEP)
22-23 June	CPF strategic retreat (Nairobi)	- tbd
10-19 July	High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development ⁶⁴ , NY	- CPF side event or dialogue with major groups (energy topic) tbc
September	Launch the call for nominations for the 2024 Wangari Maathai Award	- Communication campaign - Website
September	CPF Members meeting	- Preparations for UNFCCC COP28
September	Meeting of the CPF Heads and Principals	- tbc
18-24 September	UN General Assembly incl. SDG Summit and Leaders' Climate Ambition Summit and New York Climate Week	- tbc
16-20 October	2nd World Forum on Urban Forests ⁶⁵	- tbc
October	Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Expert Group on midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests	- tbd
30 Nov–12 December	UNFCCC COP28, Dubai	- CPF high-level dialogue with major groups - Forest Pavilion tbc -
December	CPF briefing for Member States (tbc)	- tbc

II. Description of CPF activities and highlights in 2023

(1) Mid-term review of the International Arrangement on Forests

By the provisions of ECOSOC resolutions 2015/33, 2021/6, and 2022/17 the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) is conducting a mid-term review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF) in achieving its set objectives. The Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as one of the elements of the IAF, is under review.

In the frame of the mid-term review of the International Arrangement on Forests, the CPF could conduct a CPF retreat for in-depth discussion on the future of the partnership, based on the outcomes of the Organization-led Initiative (OLI) meeting (22-23 February 2023). The outcomes of the in-depth discussion can provide an input to the Ad-Hoc Expert Group on the International Arrangement on Forests, which will provide recommendations to UNFF19.

(2) Launch of Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award 2024

During the second half of 2023, the CPF will launch the call for nominations for the 2024 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award. For this it needs to be decided if this edition of the award should be put under a specific theme or if the call for nominations should be kept broad and open. A communication campaign needs to be developed to attract a sufficient pool of nominees. It could be discussed to raise further funds for the award and possibly focus the award this time on a more specific topic e.g. on the best innovative sustainable wood product initiatives. By the end of 2023 a

⁶⁴ <https://hlpf.un.org/2023>

⁶⁵ <https://www.worldforumonurbanforests.org/>

jury should be nominated. The 2024 award celebrations could be hosted by the XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2024, by COFO or at the UNFCCC COP29.

(3) Global themes of the International Day of Forests 2024 and 2025 to be announced at UNFF18

Selection, decision and dissemination of the upcoming joint themes for the International Day of Forests will be a major task for the CPF and its Communicators' Network. The theme setting will be crucial also to shape the streamlined communication by all CPF members as well as countries and other organizations. The themes will influence communication campaigns as well as e.g. the topic for the next global assessment of the GFEP.

(4) International Day of Forests 2023

The International Day of Forests 2023 is celebrated under the global theme of "Forests and health". Most CPF members are celebrating the IDF with their own or joint events and campaigns. FAO will air the video spot *Healthy forests for healthy people* in several language in major news outlets. The day will be celebrated around the world with events, campaigns and happenings.

(5) Launch of the global assessment report on Forests and Human Health

The CPF joint initiative on Global Forest Expert Panels published its latest global assessment report and accompanying Policy Brief on [Forests and Human Health](#) on 21 March 2023, the International Day of Forests with the aligned theme. The outcomes of the assessment will be presented at a side-event of the 18th Session of the UNFF. (JI led by IUFRO, with support of CBD, CIFOR, CITES, FAO, ICRAF, and UNFF).