

High-level event at UN Forum on Forests 19

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Conference Room 4, UN Headquarters, New York

[Webcasted on UN TV](#)

I. Background

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) is a voluntary partnership among 16 leading international organizations with substantial programmes on forests with the objectives of supporting the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) and its Members, and enhancing cooperation and coordination on forest issues.

Through the implementation of Joint Initiatives amongst the partners and other joint activities, the CPF member organizations work to strengthen collaboration within and beyond the Partnership and mobilize political, scientific, technical and financial support towards the achievement of the SDGs, the Global Forest Goals, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and other global goals and objectives related to forests.

On 18 September 2023, the CPF held the high-level event “Forests for our Future” on the margins of the 2023 SDG Summit at UNHQ, New York. The event featured two high-level interactive roundtables with the participation of ministers, heads and other senior representatives of government and the CPF member organizations that outlined how countries and organizations implemented coordinated forest-based actions to accelerate progress towards global goals and targets by 2030.

During the high-level event, the Partnership launched a “[CPF Joint Call to Action for Forests Towards 2030](#)”. Its purpose is to serve as a clarion call for heightened commitment, political will, and concerted efforts to fortify forest-based solutions and tap into the potential of forests to achieve the SDGs and the GFGs by 2030 with a focus on four focal areas: implementation and action; data, science, and innovation; finance for forests; and communication and awareness-raising.

Following the launch of the CPF Joint Call to Action, the CPF members are spearheading efforts to implement the call, supporting Member States to sustainably manage their forests and raising the





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visibility of the importance of forests, through the development of new Joint Initiatives and preparing to assess the ongoing Joint Initiatives.

At UNFF19, UNFF will convene a High-level Segment with the participation of Ministers and other senior officials from its Members, CPF member organizations, partners and stakeholders, and undertake the midterm review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF) in achieving its objectives, including those related to the CPF. In preparation for the midterm review, the CPF held its [Organization-led Initiative](#) in February 2023 and contributed to the discussions of the [meeting of the Ad-hoc Expert Group on the preparations for the IAF midterm review](#) in October 2023.

As the UNFF decides on the future direction of the IAF at UNFF19, it is critically important for the CPF and its member organizations to prepare to take up/support the implementation of the UNFF decision, including with the development of a strategic, relevant and innovative CPF workplan for 2025-2028.

II. Objectives and modalities of the event

The main objectives of the event are to provide an opportunity for dialogue and exchange with the UNFF Members to consider the future work of the CPF, and pathways to strengthen CPF activities to best support Members' efforts in scaling up their actions to accelerate progress towards the Global Forest Goals and other forest-related goals and objectives.

The event will also provide a platform for UNFF Members, major groups, partners, and other stakeholders to reflect on their engagement, contribution and collaboration in the four focal areas of the CPF Joint Call to Action for Forests towards 2030: implementation and action; data, science, and innovation; finance for forests; and communication and awareness-raising.

The speakers of the event will address the following guiding questions:

- What does your organization/country expect as the main outcomes of the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests related to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and how could the CPF address these outcomes in a strategic and innovative manner?
- What are the opportunities for financing to support the implementation of the UNSPF, the Paris Agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Land Degradation Neutrality targets, CITES Decisions, and other global goals and objectives relevant to forests?
- What is your organization/country's next steps to strengthen the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests and its Global Forest Goals, and addressing other pressing global challenges, and how could the CPF and Member States be part of these solutions?

The event will be held in person in Conference Room 4, UNHQ, New York, and conducted in English with no simultaneous interpretation. The meeting will be open to all UNFF19 participants.





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III. Event programme and speakers

Opening remarks:

- Mr. Zhimin Wu, Chair of the CPF / Director of FAO Forestry Division (3 minutes)
- Ms. Juliette Biao, UNFFS Director (3 minutes)

High-level Panel of Member States and the CPF Heads:

Moderator: Ms. Ivonne Higuero, Vice-Chair of the CPF / Secretary-General of CITES

- H.E. Maria Osmarina Marina da Silva Vaz de Lima, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change of Brazil (5 minutes)
- H.E. Samuel Abu Jinapor, Minister for Lands and Natural Resources of Ghana (5 minutes)
- Ms. Claudia Müller, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry for Food and Agriculture of Germany (5 minutes)

Interaction with CPF Members

After the interventions of the High-Level Panel, CPF Heads and other representatives of CPF Member Organizations will provide short pitch-like responses.

IV. Expected Outcomes

- Identifying ideas and guidance from UNFF Members on the future work of the CPF in view of developing the new CPF work plan for 2025-2028.
- Strengthened the collaboration and exchange among CPF member organizations and UNFF Members.
- Reinforce the [CPF Joint Call to Action for Forests towards 2030](#), a vehicle to bring much-needed attention to the forefront of achieving the Global Forest Goals and to the contribution of forest conservation, restoration and sustainable use for achieving the SDGs.
- Heightened global collaboration and knowledge-sharing to accelerate implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests.
- Inform policy decisions through in-depth presentations and discussions.

V. Contacts

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Event website: www.fao.org/collaborative-partnership-on-forests/events/harmonizing-efforts-for-forest-action-by-2030--strengthening-the-collaborative-partnership-for-forests

