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the Global Forest Goals*



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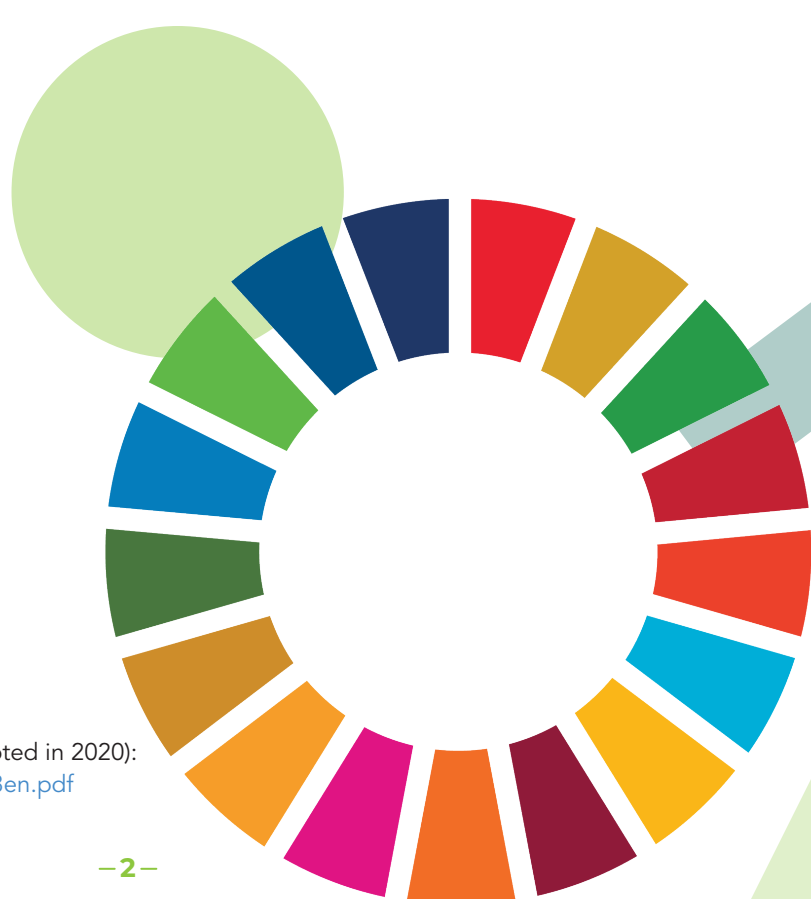


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In its Strategic Vision towards 2030¹, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) envisions that: “by 2030 all types of forests and forest landscapes are sustainably managed, their multiple values are fully recognized, the potential of forests 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, CPF will effectively enhance coherence and synergy on forest-related issues and values among its member organizations and help move from deforestation to restoration.”

The CPF work plan 2021–2024 was developed in early 2021, and updated annually, to support the realisation of this vision. The member organisations of the CPF developed the work plan based on guidance received from the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and other governing bodies. It is aligned with the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030 (UNSPF) and the proposed 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. A new CPF work plan 2025–2028 will be developed based on the guidance of UNFF19 after the mid-term review of the International Arrangement on Forests is concluded.

¹ CPF Strategic Vision towards 2030 (adopted in 2020): <https://www.fao.org/3/cb5683en/cb5683en.pdf>



Working together to reach the Global Forest Goals

The UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030 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 Kunming Global Biodiversity Framework, the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UN Forest Instruments, 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.



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CPF in action

Recurrently, the CPF engages in forest communication and outreach through its website, meetings, and events; operational activities such as policy coordination; contributions to the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) documentation and sessions; and activities on emerging issues and challenges, e.g., the joint CPF Statements: Towards sustainability: forest solutions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (2020), Challenges and opportunities in turning the tide on deforestation (2021), Joint Call To Action for Forests towards 2030 (2023).

CPF members work together to implement Joint Initiatives (JIs).

Jl: Streamlining Global Forest-related Reporting

Lead agencies: FAO and UNFF

Timeframe: 2021–2024

Contribution to the GFGs: All Global Forest Goals



This JI focuses on harmonizing reporting on forest resources, their management and use for various processes and conventions. The initiative aims to improve coverage, quality, and transparency of forest-related data and information and to reduce the forest-related reporting burden of countries. The focus of work lies in improving the methodology for reporting on primary forests, revising the terms and definitions, improving reporting for the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025, and advancing the tiers of the Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators.





Jl: Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World

Lead agencies: FAO, ITTO, CIFOR-ICRAF, CITES, World Bank, IUFRO

Timeframe: 2018–2024

Contribution to the GFGs: 2, 4, 5 and 6



The JI aims to strengthen sustainable wood value chains to enhance their contributions to climate resilience and livelihoods. By setting up collaborative activities with a broad range of stakeholders along the value chain, the initiative advances responsible production and consumption of wood, enhances socioeconomic benefits from forest-based ecological interventions such as restoration of degraded ecosystems and reduced deforestation, and increases the supply of low carbon products for a climate-resilient planet in coherence with forest conservation, restoration, and biodiversity protection. The initiative’s innovative approach focuses on identifying regional and national priorities to increase sustainability, efficiency, and inclusion of wood chains, and working with relevant players to design and implement targeted solutions that connect environmental and socioeconomic needs. In addition, the SW4SW promotes awareness-raising through communication campaigns to promote the use of sustainably and legally produced wood.

Jl: Forest Finance Facilitation

Lead agency: UNFF

Timeframe: 2021–2024

Contribution to the GFGs: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6



This initiative supports the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network to mobilize financing from all sources to manage all types of forests and help countries design national forest financing strategies. A Clearing House Mechanism was developed, and the initiative seeks to develop a database on financing flows to forestry.



J1: Global Forest Expert Panels

Lead agency: IUFRO

Timeframe: continuous

Contribution to the GFGs: 4 and 6



This initiative assesses available scientific information in a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, objective, open and transparent way. It produces reports on forest-related issues of high concern, including emerging issues. About every second year, a Global Forest Expert Panel is formed on a selected topic to develop a global assessment report. Past panels have focused on topics such as Forests and Trees for Human Health (2023), Forests, Trees and the Eradication of Poverty (2020), Forest and Water on a Changing Planet (2018), Illegal Logging and Related Timber Trade (2016).



J1: Communicators' Network

Lead agencies: FAO, UNFF, CIFOR-ICRAF

Timeframe: continuous

Contribution to the GFGs: 6



The CPF Communicators' Network facilitates actions to increase forest-related outreach impact. It amplifies outreach activities of CPF members, events and coordinates strategic communication. It proposes a common theme for the annual celebrations of the International Day of Forests and supports the promotion of the Day. It will launch a 'Grow the Solution' campaign to strengthen global advocacy on sustainable wood at UNFF19, with multimedia products in 6 languages made available on the CPF website.





Jl: Wangari Maathai Award

Lead agency: FAO with contributions of CIFOR-ICRAF, IUFRO, ITTO

Timeframe: 2012 – open-ended

Contribution to the GFGs: 6



The CPF periodically awards extraordinary individuals for improving our forests and the lives of people who depend on them through the Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award. The awardee is selected based on his/her contribution towards the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of forests and communicating the key role forests play in rural livelihoods and the environment across generations. The awardee is recognized at an international forest event and receives a cash prize. The next CPF Wangari Maathai Forest Champion will be announced at the 27th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (22–26 July 2024).

Jl: Forest Education

Lead agency: FAO, CIFOR-ICRAF, IUFRO, ITTO

Timeframe: 2012 – open-ended

This initiative contributes to building excellence in forest education, training and knowledge systems. It facilitates the preparedness of forest workers, technicians and professionals equipped to address the challenges facing the contemporary workplace; enhances the interest of young people in forest-related careers; and focuses on the educational needs of local small/medium-sized forest producers, mainly in indigenous forest communities in developing countries. Through increasing public awareness and the capacity of forest practitioners, countries and the global community will be better able to achieve forest-related and sustainable development goals.



J1: Turning the Tide on Deforestation

Lead agencies: FAO, UNEP, UNDP

Timeframe: 2021–2024

Contribution to the GFGs: All Global Forest Goals



This initiative aims to upscale global ambitions to address deforestation and keep forests high on the global climate agenda as well as in countries Nationally Determined Contributions. It focuses on advocacy and scaling up ongoing efforts within and beyond the UN system to halt deforestation following up on the UN Secretary-General’s initiative and consecutive recommendations from his Deputy’s Committee. This work is based on the flagship initiatives and programmes mapped out by the CPF . Challenges and opportunities in turning the tide on deforestation were identified and published in a joint statement . It will continue to build transparency for forest assessments while supporting countries’ monitoring and decision-making, empowering local communities and delivering on forest and agriculture in a complementary manner.



J1: Strengthening the conservation of primary forests through enhanced partnerships and coordination of support

Lead agencies: GEF, IUCN, UNFF, FAO

Timeframe: 2023–2025

Contribution to the GFGs: 2, 4, 5 and 6



This initiative aims to elevate the importance of the conservation of primary forests in global discourse, including in MEAs, policies, investment decisions and reporting. The focus lies on three components (1) to increase global recognition of and support for primary forests; (2) to strengthen capacity development and information sharing on the value of primary forests; and (3) to promote mobilization of resources for the conservation of primary forests by enhancing the work of the GFFFN.



JI (in the pipeline): Forests for Food Security and Nutrition

Lead agencies: FAO and CIFOR

Timeframe: 2024–2027

This initiative aims to update the current data and information on the links between forests, food security and nutrition, as well as to gather context-specific evidence based on case studies at regional, sub-regional, country and community levels. It will focus on identifying challenges and opportunities in putting in place sound cross-sectoral policies and programmes that enhance the links between forestry, agriculture, food security and nutrition. The initiative also aims to establish a joint roadmap of scaling up actions and implementation to enhance the contribution of forests to food security and nutrition particularly at the country level, through a global dialogue.



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JI (in the pipeline): Integrated Fire Management in Tropical Forests

Lead agencies: ITTO, FAO, UNFF

Timeframe: 2024–2028

The overarching objective of this initiative is to significantly reduce the incidence, damage and loss of forest fires in tropical forests, thereby contributing to the sustainable management of these invaluable natural assets for the purpose of fostering sustainable development.



What is the Collaborative Partnership on Forests?

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests, established in 2001 in support of the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests, is an informal, voluntary arrangement among 16 international organizations and secretariats with substantial programmes on forests. These agencies share their experiences and build on them to produce new benefits for their respective constituencies. They collaborate to streamline and align their work and to find ways of improving forest management and conservation and the production and trade of forest products.

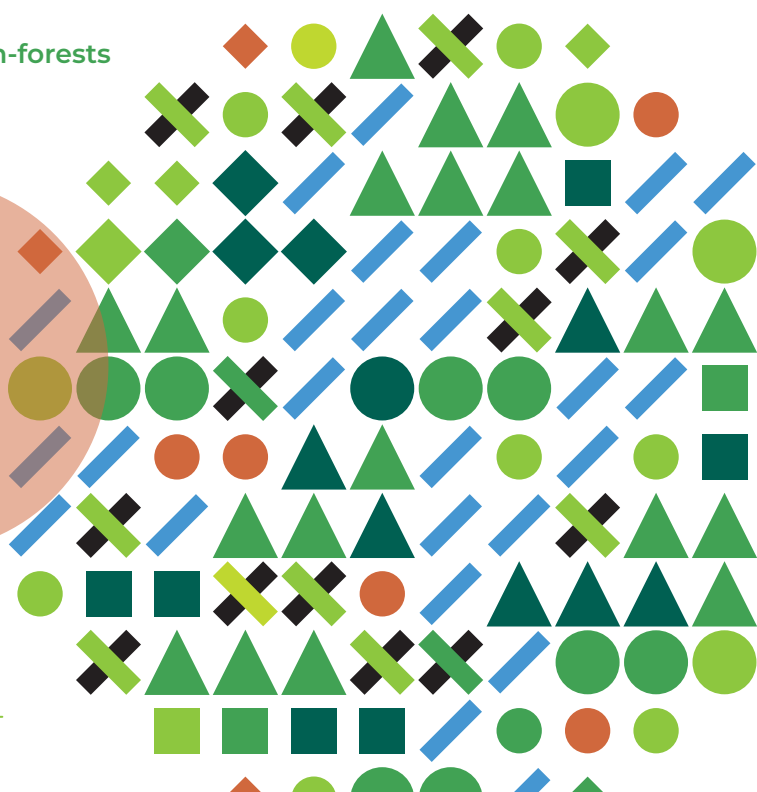
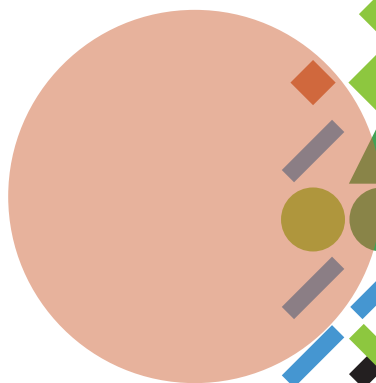
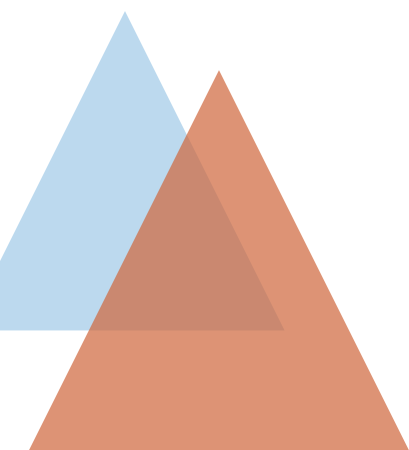
Members: Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Global Environment Facility (GEF), Green Climate Fund (GCF), 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), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and the World Bank.

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Priorities of the CPF work in 2024

At its meeting on 23 January 2024, member organizations of the CPF identified main priorities for the CPF work in 2024, and major events and conferences to which the CPF could participate and make contributions. These priorities, major events and conferences are as follows:

1. Main priorities

- Development of new CPF Joint Initiatives
- Implementation of the outcome of the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests related to the CPF
- Preparation of the CPF Work Plan for 2025-2028
- Participation and contribution to major events and conferences

2. Major events and conferences, and the CPF's role

Date	Event	Description
23 January	CPF meeting (virtual)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Election of 2024 CPF Vice-Chair ▶ Preparations for UNFF19 ▶ Priorities for 2024 ▶ CPF Work Plan 2025-2028
21 March	2024 celebrations of the International Day of Forests (global)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Global celebrations under the theme "Forests and Innovation" ▶ Supported by CPF Communicators' Network
28 March	CPF meeting (virtual)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Discussions on new and ongoing Joint Initiatives of the CPF ▶ CPF engagement at UNFF19
6-10 May	UNFF19 session (New York)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Item 3(b) "Update on the activities of the CPF and its member organizations and progress in the implementation of its workplan" ▶ Participation of CPF heads in the High-level Segment ▶ Contributions to the discussions on the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests related to the CPF
6-10 May	CPF and its members' side events at UNFF19 (New York)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ CPF High-level Event (9 May): Harmonizing efforts for forest action by 2030: Strengthening the Collaborative Partnership on Forests ▶ India, Portugal, Republic of Korea, FAO and ITTO (6 May): Principles and Strategies for Landscape Integrated Fire Management through Collaborative Governance ▶ ITTO and India (7 May): Mainstreaming Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains of Tropical Wood Products for Responsible Production and Consumption ▶ IUCN, GEF, UNFFS (7 May): The Need to Strengthen the Conservation of Primary Forests through Partnership Enhancement and Coordination of Support: CPF Member Discussion ▶ WB (8 May): World Bank Global Challenge Program for Forests for Development, Climate, and Biodiversity ▶ FAO and UNEP (8 May): Sustainable Horizons: Showcasing Progress in the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration ▶ IUFRO (10 May): International Forest Governance: A comprehensive global review
6 May	CPF meeting (New York)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Discussions on new and assessment of ongoing Joint Initiatives of the CPF
8-17 July	2024 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New York)	
19 July	COFO 27 High-Level Satellite Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Championing sustainable wood: Leading pathways to climate neutrality and resilience (FAO and IUFRO)
22-26 July	FAO COFO 27 (Rome)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award 2024, award ceremony and communication campaign
22-23 September	Summit of the Future (New York)	
21 October-1 November	CBD COP16 (Cali)	
11-22 November	UNFCCC COP29 (Baku)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ CPF high-level dialogue
1-6 December	ITTC-60 (Yokohama)	
2-13 December	UNCCD COP16 (Riyadh)	



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