

20th session of UN Forum on Forests | Provisional Organization of Work | 5-9 May 2025, UNHQ, NY



Date /	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Time	5 May 2025 (TRI)	6 May 2025 (TRI)	7 May 2025 (TRI)	8 May 2025 (TRI)	9 May 2025 (TRI)
10am- 1pm	 Opening remarks: UNFF20 Chair; ECOSOC President; PGA; ASG of DESA <u>Item 1</u>. Election of officers <u>Item 2</u>. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.18/2025/1) <u>Item 3</u>. Technical Discussions on the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF) <u>Item 4</u>. Progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the IAF midterm review <u>Item 6</u>: Emerging issues Introduction of Secretariat Note (E/CN.18/2025/2) (items 3 & its subitems a, c, d, & items 4 & 6) UNFFS activities and achievements (UNFFS Director) <u>(General discussion on item 3, 4 & 6)</u> 	 <u>Item 3(c)</u>. Interlinkages between the GFGs SDGs under review by the HLPF in 2025 and 2026, the UNFCCC & the Paris Agreement, CBD & KMGBF, and the UNCCD, including the LDNTSP, & other international forest-related developments. Bureau input to HLPF 2025 (UNFF20 Chair) SDGs under review of HLPF 2026 Outcome of IUFRO Congress, COPs of Rio Conventions (by CBD, UNFCCC & UNCCD Secretariats), TFFF (Brazil) GA forest related resolutions at its 79th session Announcement of forest related initiatives by UNFF members & partners, e.g.: Austria's sustainable forest-based bioeconomy 	 Item 3 (e). Means of implementation Introduction of Secretariat Note (E/CN.18/2025/4) General discussion on Item 3 (e) Panel discussion on: Significance of a global hub on data, information, and knowledge on forest financing opportunities and best practices; and the role of GFFFN Clearing House (interactive discussion) 	Item 4. Progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the IAF midterm review • Presentation of the Information Paper on the workload, gaps and needs of the UNFFS (General discussion on Item 4) Item 5. Forum Trust Fund • Introduction of Secretariat Note (E/CN.18/2025/6) (General discussion on Item 5)	Item 3 and its sub items (a) to (f), items 4,5 & 6 (Factual correction to the UNFF20 Chair's summary**) Item 7. Date and venue for the twenty first session of the Forum. Item 8. Provisional agenda for the twenty first session of the Forum. Item 9. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its twentieth session First meeting of the twenty first session of the Forum (For the sole purpose of holding elections (if needed)
1:15- 2:30pm	Side events	Side events	Side events	Side events	Side Events
3pm- 6pm	Item 3: Technical discussion on implementation of UNSPF •Presentation: Policy brief on UNFF20 thematic priorities Item 3 (a) Contributions of members of the Forum to implementing the 2017-2030 UNSPF: (i) Report on the outcomes of the CLIs (iii)Wpdates on VNCs and their follow up related to the thematic priorities • Report of the CLI by the Congo (tbc) (General discussion on items 3 (a), 3 (a) (i), (ii) & (iii)) Item 3(b) Contributions of and enhanced cooperation with partners to achieving the thematic priorities: • Introduction of Secretariat Note (E/CN.18/2025/3) (i) Contributions of the CPF, its member organizations & the UN system to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on the workplan of the Partnership. • Statement by CPF Chair (ii)Contributions of regional and subregional organizations and processes to achieving the thematic priorities • UNECE presentation • SADC presentation iii)Contributions of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community, to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on major group workplans. • Report on the outcomes of EGMs of MGs & regional partners (General discussion on item 3(b) (i), (ii), & (iii)	Item 3(d). Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the UNSPF, including activities regarding the IDF 2025 • Brief presentation by UNFFS General discussion on item 3(d)) Item 3. Technical Discussions on the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF) • Panel discussion on: Valuing forest's ecosystems in national policy and strategy; the experiences, challenges, and the way forward (Interactive discussions)	Item 3 (f) Monitoring, assessment and reporting: • Introduction of Secretariat Note (E/CN.18/2025/5) • Voluntary national reports • Next Global Forest Goals Report • Report on the outcome of Global Workshop on capacity building for reporting • Global core set of forest-related indicators	Item 6: Emerging Issues • Panel discussion on dryland forests (General discussion on Item 6)	(No Meeting) ***

* For additional information about UNFF20, including the Provisional agenda and Annotations (E/CN.18/2025/1), and other official documents, please see: <u>un.org/esa/forests/forum/</u>
** The draft of the UNFF20 Chair's Summary, which will include the summary of technical discussions during UNFF20, the Chair's proposals for transmission to UNFF21, and the Chair's summary of input to the 2025 HLPF, and 2026 HLPF, will be circulated electronically in the evening of Thursday, 9 May)
*** Due to austerity measures in place, UNFF20 must reduce the number of its meetings during this session by 10%. In this respect, UNFF20 should conclude its work by 1pm on Friday, May 9th.