

In Attendance

CBD:	Jamal Annagylyjova	IUFRO:	Daniela Kleinschmit
CIFOR-ICRAF:	Robert Nasi (virtual)		Nelson Grima
CITES:	Ivonne Higuero	UNCCD:	Sasha Alexander
FAO:	Zhimin Wu (Chair)	UNDP:	Tim Scott
	Malgorzata Buszko-Briggs		Clea Paz-Rivera
	Katherine Clyne	UNFCCC:	Daniele Violetti (Vice-Chair)
	Benjamin Ross		Dirk Nemitz
GEF:	Pascal Martinez	UNFF:	Minoru Takada
ITTO:	Sheam Satkuru		Hossein Moeini Meybodi
	Ramon Carrillo		Ryo Nakamura
IUCN:	Chetan Kumar	WB:	Tuukka Castren (virtual)
	Paula Prist		
		Regrets:	GCF, UNEP

Members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) met on 5 May 2025 at UNDP Headquarters, New York, on the margins of UNFF20.

Item 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The CPF Chair welcomed CPF members to the meeting. He recalled the delivery of the CPF Joint Statement during the relevant agenda item of UNFF20, and noted that the full version of the statement would be published on the UNFF20 website. He also noted the positive response from UNFF Members regarding the work of the CPF, and that going forward it would be important to continue to provide regular updates regarding the implementation of the CPF workplan for 2025-2028. The CPF Chair introduced Mr. Daniele Violetti, CPF Vice-Chair for 2025 and Senior Director of the Programmes Coordination at UNFCCC, and Ms. Daniela Kleinschmit, IUFRO President, to participating CPF members. He expressed appreciation to UNDP for their hospitality to host this CPF meeting.

Following the opening of the meeting the proposed agenda for the meeting was adopted.

Item 2. Discussion and adoption of the CPF Workplan 2025-2028

On behalf of the CPF Taskforce on the development of the CPF Work Plan 2025-2028, FAO provided an overview of the final draft of the CPF Work Plan 2025-2028, outlining the content of its chapters on introduction, the Global Forest Goals (GFGs), Stocktaking 2021–2024, activities for achieving the GFGs, implementation, and monitoring and assessing progress. Information on the mandates from members' governing bodies was moved to the CPF website in the interest of space. It was added that the draft CPF Work Plan 2025-2028 was presented

by the CPF Chair through the CPF joint statement delivered during the UNFF20 session on 5 May and posted on the CPF and UNFF websites.

Members discussed the importance of annual updating and reporting to UNFF on progress made in the implementation of the work plan, including through the organization of virtual briefings to Member States and regular updating of the CPF website, to promote visibility of the CPF joint activities.

Members adopted the CPF Work Plan 2025-2028 by acclamation.

Key actions to be taken:

- CPF members will continue to provide updates on progress made in the implementation of the work plan for updating of the website and reporting, including information on the CPF-related mandates from their respective governing bodies.

Item 3. Updates on UNFF20 and CPF's engagement and events, follow up and next steps after UNFF20

UNFF provided an update on UNFF20, outlining schedules and arrangements for the CPF and its member organizations' engagement and events, including: item 3(c) on Interlinkages between the GFGs and SDGs under review by the HLPF in 2025 and 2026, the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement; CBD and KMGBF, and the UNCCD, including the LDNTSP, and other international forest-related developments; item 3(d) on Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the UNSPF, including activities regarding the IDF 2025; item 3(f) on Monitoring, assessment and reporting; panel discussions on "Valuing forest's ecosystems in national policy and strategy; the experiences, challenges, and the way forward", "Significance of a global hub on data, information, and knowledge on forest financing opportunities and best practices; and the role of GFFFN Clearing House" and "Panel discussion on dryland forests"; and the CPF side event "Joining forces for forests: CPF Joint Action to Advance Global Forest Goals". The main outcome of UNFF20 would be a Chair's summary of discussions for inclusion in the UNFF20 report. The Chair's summary would include proposals for consideration at UNFF21 and inputs to the 2025 and 2026 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Key actions to be taken:

- CPF members will participate in the UNFF20 discussions under relevant agenda items and panel discussions.
- CPF members will participate in the CPF Side Event at UNFF20 "Joining forces for forests: CPF Joint Action to Advance Global Forest Goals" to be held during lunchtime on 7 May.

Item 4. Updates on new CPF Joint Initiatives

CITES-listed Tree Species Project

CITES presented an overview of the objective and project approval process for the CITES Tree Species Project funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, and the European Union for the total amount of EUR10.5 million in support of sustainable forest management and achievement of other related international obligations and goals. It was noted that calls for project proposals are currently open and the CITES Secretariat will hold a webinar in May 2025 to help guide preparation of project proposals, inviting CPF members to express their interest in partnering with the CITES Secretariat to develop the CPF proposal.

Forest Education

FAO informed that the CPF Joint Initiative on Forest Education entered its second phase through the multi-country project “Strengthening institutional capacities to train the next generation of forest and farm producers and practitioners”, and invited other CPF members to express interest in joining/re-joining this initiative.

Key actions to be taken:

- CPF members are invited to express interest in jointly preparing the CPF proposal for the CITES Tree Species Project.
- CPF members are invited to express interest in joining/re-joining the CPF Joint Initiative on Forest Education.

Item 5. CPF’s engagement at UNFCCC COP30 and Forest Pavilion

UNFCCC highlighted status of preparations for UNFCCC COP30, outlining the ongoing planning in terms of the Leaders’ Summit, the Action Agenda and global mobilization, expected negotiation streams related to forests such as follow-up to the global stock-take and the mitigation programme, as well as synergies between the Rio Conventions, and the updated nationally-determined contributions, noting that these preparations would be discussed during the June 2025 Climate Meetings in Bonn.

UNFF provided update on the status of preparations of the Forest Pavilion at COP30, outlining that this pavilion plans to be established as a multi-stakeholder, standalone pavilion in the Blue Zone, subject to funding availability, in collaboration with the CPF and its members, building on the momentum created through the inaugural Forest Pavilion launched at COP29. It was added that the Forest Pavilion at COP30 will be organized through the Organizing Committee, co-chaired by Brazil and Canada, with the participation of representatives from governments, the CPF and its member organizations, international organizations, and other major stakeholders including the private sector, civil society, youth, and academia. It is expected that the first meeting of the Organizing Committee would be convened in June 2025.

Members highlighted the importance of synergizing the CPF activities at COP30 with those of member organizations, such as those related to the support to the revised NDCs and Indigenous Peoples. The CPF Chair proposed to form a taskforce of CPF members to prepare for the CPF engagement at COP30, including the preparation of joint key messages.

Key actions to be taken:

- IUCN will lead the taskforce on the CPF engagement at COP30; Members are invited to express interest in joining.
- UNFF will continue to provide updates on the status of preparations for the Forest Pavilion at COP30; Members are invited to express interest in joining the Organizing Committee.

Item 6. Date and venue of the next CPF meeting

CPF members discussed the possible timing for the next CPF meeting. It was suggested to consider scheduling the next CPF meeting after UNFCCC COP30 towards the end of 2025. The Chair in consultation with the Vice-Chair and the Secretariat will propose the date and time of the meeting.

Key actions to be taken:

- The CPF Chair in consultation with the Vice-Chair and the Secretariat will propose the date, time, and location of the next CPF meeting towards the end of 2025.

Item 7. Any other business

CBD provided an update on the process of strategic review and analysis of its forest biodiversity programme of work and the need to ensure that synergies and avoid the duplication between the work of the key international instruments and bodies, such as the GFGs, noting that the expanded forest biodiversity programme of work in the context of the Global Biodiversity Framework would be considered during the meeting of the forthcoming Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA).

ITTO informed that ITTO is revising its guidelines on fire management in tropical forests into a toolkit as part of the CPF Joint Initiative on Integrated Fire Management, and will be holding the validation workshop on this matter.

GEF informed that the GEF-9 replenishment process is underway to set the framework, size, and ambition of GEF funding for the July 2026 to June 2030 period, noting that the first replenishment meeting will be held from 20-21 May 2025 and will consider the draft strategic positioning and programming directions, including those related to forests.

Following the introduction by FAO on this matter, members held a discussion on the proposed theme for the International Day of Forests in 2026 based on the proposal put forth by the CPF Communicators' Network. Members exchanged their views on the proposed theme and its formulations, and agreed to propose "Forests and economies" as the theme for the International Day of Forests in 2026.

Key actions to be taken:

- The CPF Chair will propose "Forests and economies" to UNFF as the theme for the International Day of Forests in 2026 during the relevant UNFF20 discussion on 6 May.

Item 8. Closing of the meeting

The CPF Chair closed the meeting at 8:10pm EDT.
