

In Attendance

CBD:	Regina Kipper	IUCN:	Chetan Kumar
	Tristan Tyrrell		Katherine Poe
CIFOR-ICRAF:	Beria Leimona	IUFRO:	Nelson Grima
	Levania Santoso	UNDP:	Tim Scott
CITES:	Ivonne Higuero		Clea Paz-Rivera
FAO:	Zhimin Wu (Chair)	UNEP :	Mirey Atallah
	Malgorzata Buszko-Briggs	UNFCCC:	Dirk Nemitz
	Katherine Clyne	UNFF:	Juliette Biao
GEF:	Pascal Martinez		Hossein Moeini Meybodi
ITTO:	Sheam Satkuru		Ryo Nakamura
	Jennifer Conje	WB:	Tuukka Castren
			Klas Sander
		Regrets: GCF, UNCCD	

Members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) virtually met on 4 September 2025.

The CPF Chair welcomed CPF members to the meeting. He recalled that this special meeting was convened specifically to update CPF members on preparations for the Forest Pavilion at UNFCCC COP30 in Belém and to discuss the CPF's possible role in supporting the pavilion, building on the experiences and collaboration at COP29, the 2025 CPF retreat, UNFF20 deliberations and the recent developments on this matter.

UNFF provided update on the status of preparations of the Forest Pavilion at COP30, outlining that the expression of interest for a standalone, multi-stakeholder Forest Pavilion in the Blue Zone was submitted on behalf of the Organizing Committee co-chaired by Brazil and Canada, and received positive feedback from the COP30 Presidency in August 2025, awaiting official confirmation in September 2025. The Forest Pavilion would serve as a hub to host events to raise the visibility of forests in climate negotiations, and highlight forests' role in climate solutions, using the Global Forest Goals as the main identify and branding.

UNFF added that the expression of interest included a request for a pavilion space of 100 sqm with an event area and a small meeting room. Funds raised to date, including from several donor countries and organizations, appear sufficient to cover pavilion space and construction, noting that additional funds and cost-sharing may be needed for add-on services such as the Internet, audiovisual, interpretation equipment and services, and catering. It was noted that the confirmation of location, information on total costs and final design are expected to be oncoming in due course. Main areas for CPF's support requested by the Co-Chairs of the Organizing Committee include: organization of the Organizing Committee meetings; drafting and coordination of pavilion programming; and

communications, outreach, and on-site coordination. CPF Chair noted that until now, support for the Organizing Committee has been provided by UNFF Secretariat, in particular on organizational aspect.

CPF members expressed the following views and observations. While the majority expressed continued support for the idea of the Forest Pavilion and recognition of its strategic importance in raising the profile of forests at COP30, reservations about financial and human capacity of the CPF members needed to cover all of the programming and managing the Pavilion were pointed out. Members briefly informed about their respective plans for COP30, including their downsized delegations to Belem (due to financial and logistical constraints), and in this context, their possible role and capacity of the CPF in supporting the Forest Pavilion. Some members offered potential in-kind contributions such as staff time, speakers, and interpretation services, noting that operational responsibility sharing, realistic planning, and flexible hybrid and co-hosting event modalities must be further considered, and will be essential to ensure success.

Regarding the programming of events, CIFOR-ICRAF, IUCN, IUFRO and FAO expressed a willingness to take responsibility for one day or specific events. CBD, GEF, ITTO, UNDP, UNEP, the World Bank expressed varying degrees of capacity/interest due to the budgetary and logistical (small delegation) constraints.

Key themes for CPF-focused input to COP30 flagged by members for various events include: NDCs and forests, Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF), primary tropical forests and biodiversity, wildfires, climate-forest linkages, innovative financing, forest commodities, mangroves/blue carbon, and soil health. CPF members also highlighted the importance of CPF messaging and communication for COP30, particularly through the preparation of key messages led by the IUCN-led CPF Task Force.

Key actions to be taken:

- CPF Secretariat will send a written request to CPF members to express their possible contribution to the Forest Pavillion.
- CPF Secretariat will send an invite CPF members to take part in the first meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Forest Pavilion to be held virtually in due course; CPF members are asked to confirm their availability.
- CPF Chair will report on the outcomes of this special CPF meeting to the Organizing Committee of the Forest Pavilion.
- Based on the discussion of the Organizing Committee at its first meeting, and the CPF contributions agreed by its Members, CPF members may be invited to consider support the drafting of the event programme, propose events, and support finalization of pavilion logistics and other arrangements, communication and provide on-site support.
- It was agreed that the CPF Secretariat will continue servicing the Organizing Committee.
- A CPF Member requested that no commitments be made on behalf of CPF or its members without prior consultation, and contributions be aligned with each member's capacity and availability.
