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**Economic and environmental questions: United Nations
Forum on Forests**

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on 8 June 2021**

[on the recommendation of the United Nations Forum on Forests ([E/2021/42](#))]

**2021/6. Programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for
the period 2022–2024**

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution [2020/14](#) of 17 July 2020, entitled “Outcome of the fifteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests”,

Adopts the programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2022–2024, as contained in the annex to the present resolution.

*8th plenary meeting
8 June 2021*

Annex**Programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for
its seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth sessions**

Table 1

Seventeenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2022 (policy session)

Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030

1. Thematic priorities for the biennium 2021–2022: selected global forest goals and associated targets in accordance with the sixteenth session of the Forum and consideration of relevant proposals contained in the Chair’s summary from the sixteenth session
2. Other policy session items and consideration of relevant proposals contained in the Chair’s summary from the sixteenth session



Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030

- (a) New announcements of voluntary national contributions
 - (b) Updates by stakeholders and partners on activities in support of the thematic priorities
 - (i) Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its workplan
 - (ii) Regional and subregional organizations and processes
 - (iii) Major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community
 - (c) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2022 and international forest-related developments
 - (d) Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2022
 - (e) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network
 - (f) Monitoring, assessment and reporting: consideration of the proposed refinements to the format for the next round of voluntary national reporting on progress in implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions
 - (g) Preparations for the midterm review in 2024 of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives, including the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030
3. Forum trust fund
4. Emerging issues
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Table 2

Eighteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2023 (technical session)

Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030

- 1. Thematic priorities for the biennium 2023–2024: selected global forest goals and associated targets
- 2. Other technical session items
 - (a) Contributions of members of the Forum to implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: new announcements of voluntary national contributions; updates on voluntary national contributions and their follow-up related to the thematic priorities
 - (b) Contributions of and enhanced cooperation with partners to achieving the thematic priorities
 - (i) Contributions of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations and the United Nations system to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on the workplan of the Partnership
 - (ii) Contributions of regional and subregional organizations and processes to achieving the thematic priorities

Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030

- (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
 - (c) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2023 and international forest-related developments
 - (d) Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2023
 - (e) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network
 - (f) Monitoring, assessment and reporting: voluntary national reporting; global core set of forest-related indicators; preparations for the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025
 - (g) Preparations for the midterm review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests, including the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030
- 3. Forum trust fund
 - 4. Emerging issues
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Table 3
Nineteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2024 (policy session)

Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030

- 1. Thematic priorities for the biennium 2023–2024: selected global forest goals and associated targets in accordance with the eighteenth session of the Forum and consideration of relevant proposals contained in the Chair’s summary from the eighteenth session
 - 2. Other policy session items and consideration of relevant proposals contained in the Chair’s summary from the eighteenth session
 - (a) New announcements of voluntary national contributions
 - (b) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2024 and international forest-related developments
 - (c) Midterm review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests¹
 - 3. High-level segment
 - 4. Adoption of the quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for the period 2025–2028
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¹ In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution [2015/33](#), the components of the international arrangement on forests are the Forum, the secretariat, the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and the Forum trust fund. The midterm review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests will be guided by section XII of Council resolution [2015/33](#) and section IV of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030.