

Questionnaire on the Forum's 4POW 2021-2024

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1. Thematic priorities: The 4POW 2021-2024 consists of two technical-policy biennium: 2021-2022 and 2023-2024. Consistent with Annex II of ECOSOC resolution 2017/4, the Forum's odd- and even-year sessions for each biennium will be thematically linked on the basis of the GFGs and targets, taking into account the post-2020 programme of work of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). In order to carry out this guidance, would it be useful for the work programme to (check one):
 - a. Yes Identify three GFGs and associated targets as thematic priorities for a technical exchange of experiences among Member States and partners and a subsequent policy review in each biennium (progress on all GFGs are reviewed in the four-year period), taking into account the post 2020 HLPF programme of work? OR
GFGs 1-3 and 4-6 are reasonable divisions for the sessions. UNFF input to the HLPF POW may be addressed through panels. HLPF input should continue to be a Chair's Summary, not a negotiated outcome.
 - b. no Leave the decision on which GFGs will be the themes for each biennium to the Bureau (current practice) in order to take into account, the post-2020 HLPF programme of work, which is expected to be agreed upon before the end of 2019? OR
 - c. no Other (please explain- Maximum 100 words)

2. Operational priorities: The 4POW 2021-2024 represents the Forum's contribution to implementing the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF). In your view, what are the Forum's main operational priorities in support of the UNSPF during this timeframe (check all that apply):
 - a. Yes Means of implementation for sustainable forest management (including GFFFN operations and resources)
 - b. Yes MAR (follow up on the flagship publication and timing for 2nd round of national reporting, as well as the CPF core set of indicators)
 - c. no VNCs (announcements, implementation support and follow up)
VNCs are important, but implementation and capacity are captured by a., while progress and publicity are captured in b. and d.
 - d. Yes Communication and outreach (including International Day of Forests)
 - e. no Preparations for mid-term review of the International Arrangement on Forests in 2024¹
no Preparations for the High-Level Seg

