

United Nations Forum on Forests
Minutes of the Second Meeting of the UNFF17 Bureau (Virtual)
14 January 2022 (8:00–11:00 am, NY Time)

Participation

Bureau Members: Ambassador Miriam Mac Intosh (Suriname), Mr. Javad Momeni (Iran), Mr. Jesse Mahoney (Australia), Mr. Tomasz Markiewicz (Poland)

Absent: Mr. Abu-Juam (Ghana)

UNFF Secretary: Mr. Ziad Mahmassani; Ms. Jori Joergensen

UNFF Secretariat: Mr. Hossein Moeini Meybodi, Ms. Afsa Kemitale, Ms. Mita Sen, Ms. Njeri Kariuki, Mr. Ryo Nakamura, Ms. Yan Lang

Summary of Key Actions/Decisions

- 1.** The Bureau adopted the provisional organization of work of UNFF17 and decided to organize a High-Level Roundtable on “UNFF response to, role in, and expectations from forest-related multilateral developments” during the opening meeting of UNFF17 on 9 May 2022.
- 2.** The Bureau agreed to make a final proposal on the modality of UNFF17 in February 2022, based on guidance from the ECOSOC, the UNHQ, and host country.

Provisional Agenda

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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda
2. Preparations for UNFF17:
 - a. Discussions on the modalities of UNFF17
 - b. Discussions on the outcome and organization of work of UNFF17, including implications of the developments during COP26 of UNFCCC
 - c. Update on the outcome of the expert group meeting on the IAF midterm review
 - d. Update on the preparation of the 2nd assessment of the impacts of COVID-19 & related expert group meeting
 - e. Update on the outcome of the expert group meeting on proposing refinements to the format for voluntary national reporting to UNFF
 - f. Update on outcomes of the expert group meeting on strengthening the engagement of the UNFF with regional partners, Major Groups, and other stakeholders
 - g. Update on the IDF 2022
 - h. UNFF17 official documents
3. ECOSOC related matters
 - a. ECOSOC's request for Bureau's input to the 2022 session of the HLPF
 - b. Update on the ECOSOC's review of the work of its subsidiary bodies
 - c. Participation of UNFF17 Chair in the ECOSOC Briefing on the outcomes of COP26
 - d. ECOSOC Coordination Segment
4. Other matters
 - a. Update on the recruitment of the Director of the UNFF Secretariat

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

Ambassador Miriam Mac Intosh (Suriname), Chair-designate of UNFF17, welcomed members of the Bureau, the UNFF Secretary and the UNFF Secretariat to the second virtual meeting of the UNFF17 Bureau. The Chair introduced the provisional agenda for the meeting and asked Bureau members and the Secretariat if there were any additional items that needed to be added. Mr. Jesse Mahoney (Australia) suggested adding subitem under Agenda item 4 to receive an update on the recruitment of the Director of the UNFF Secretariat. The Secretariat also suggested adding a subitem 2f on an update on the outcomes of the EGM on strengthening the engagement of the UNFF with regional partners, Major Groups, and other stakeholders. The provisional agenda was adopted with these additions.

2. Preparations for UNFF17

a. Discussion on the modalities of UNFF17

The Secretary of the Forum briefed the Bureau on the prevailing situation in UNHQ regarding organization of meetings. In this respect, he outlined three modalities, namely virtual, hybrid and in-person and informed of a possible combination with the opening and closing meetings to be held in-person to adopt procedural and other decisions, the continuation of the first meeting to be held in a hybrid format and the remaining meetings to be held fully virtually. However, selection of any of these options would be subject to the situation at that time, and any updated guidance received from ECOSOC, the UN medical office and the host country. He further added that updated ECOSOC guidance on this matter, including the procedures for the possible adoption of decisions by the functional commissions through silence procedure, if necessary 633m0 612 7922 7

results of the meeting and the survey would be included in the relevant official document for consideration of UNFF17.

- f. Update on outcomes of the expert group meeting on strengthening the engagement of the UNFF with regional partners, Major Groups, and other stakeholders

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that it organized the expert group meeting on strengthening the engagement of the UNFF with regional partners, major groups and other stakeholders on 16 and 17 December 2021. This meeting was held in preparation for the seventeenth session and aimed to mobilize and strengthen engagement with major groups, regional and subregional partners, and other stakeholders in support of the implementation of the UNSPF. The key outcome of this meeting would be incorporated in the official document for consideration of UNFF17.

- g. Update on the International Day of Forests 2022

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the theme of the 2021 International Day of Forests (IDF) had been proposed by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests as "Forests and sustainable consumption and production". Preparations were underway to organize the customary special event for the celebration of the International Day for Forests on 21 March. The modality for the event would either be a hybrid or a fully virtual event. As in previous years, the event would feature a high-level opening featuring senior officials, an expert panel featuring CPF members and stakeholders, and a dialogue segment featuring statements from member states. The Secretariat expressed its hope that the

