

**United Nations Forum on Forests
Minutes of the Third Meeting of UNFF18 Bureau (Virtual)
27 April 2023, 8:30 am-10:00am, NY time**

Participation

Key Actions/Decisions

- 1. The Bureau reviewed the organizational preparations for UNFF18 and agreed on the distribution of tasks among its members during UNFF18.**
- 2. The Bureau approved circulation of the draft decisions on the provisional agenda of UNFF19 and its dates and venue (to be issued as respectively E/CN.18/2023/L.1 and L.2), for approval by UNFF18 on 12 May.**

Provisional Agenda

- 1- Adoption of the provisional agenda
- 2- Final preparations for UNFF18
 - a) Scenario for the opening meeting of UNFF18 including the election of remaining Bureau Members/possible secret balloting
 - b) Organization of work of UNFF18, including the arrangements for the panel discussions, closing meeting, and outcome of the session
 - c) Division of work among Bureau members
 - d) Meetings of the Bureau during UNFF18
 - e) Side Events
- 3- Preparations for UNFF19
 - a) Date and venue of UNFF19
 - b) Provisional agenda of UNFF19
- 4- Update on the recent and upcoming intersessional activities in preparations for the IAF midterm review
- 5- Other matters

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

Ambassador Maniratanga

Nairobi, Kenya from 20 to 23 June 2023 to discuss issues related to the GFFFN and implementation of the UNSPF. The outcome of this meeting will be a Co-Chairs summary. She also informed that the open ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on the preparations for the IAF midterm review would be held during the second week of October 2023 at UN Office in Vienna, Austria. The outcome of AHEG will be a Co-Chairs summary, which would be submitted to UNFF19.

5. Other matters

Mr. Belen asked for an update on the proposed China office for the GFFFN. The Director of UNFF Secretariat informed that an update was under preparation, and would be presented during UNFF18 on Wednesday, May 10th, under agenda item 3f. Mr. Belen also asked about the possibility of JUSCANZ, as a group, participating during UNFF18. The Secretary of the Forum indicated that it would be up to the members of groups of States, such as JUSCANZ, to coordinate and participate as a group in the work of UNFF18.

The Director of the UNFF Secretariat informed the Bureau on her recent visit to Finland, and the outcomes of this trip. She attended a seminar, organized by Finland on UNFF. During this visit, she met with several officials, as well as representatives of private sectors. Several areas for collaboration were identified during this visit, including, joint support to UNFF member countries on awareness and policies on the interlinkages of forests, water, and food security, organization of a Country-led Initiative on engagement with private sector, and collaboration on monitoring, assessment, and reporting.

Before conclusion of the meeting, the Chair thanked all participants for their active involvement in the discussions and expressed satisfaction with the results of the discussions and adjourned the meeting.

The meeting finished at 9:45am