



COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP ON FORESTS (CPF) WORK PLAN 2021-2024

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Research Organizations (IUFRO); United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Secretariat; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat; World Agroforestry (ICRAF); and World Bank.

8. Members have considerable capacity to deliver on CPF's core functions. By building upon the members' collective knowledge, mechanisms, and comparative advantages, the CPF significantly contributes to enhancing sustainable forest management (SFM) worldwide.

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Operational activities

25. CPF meets regularly for operational planning and policy coordination. CPF members aim to have at least two meetings per year in conjunction with members' significant events, including the UNFF sessions. Areas for planning and coordination include, but are not limited to:

- Organizing meetings and events, such as the Organization-led Initiatives (OLIs) and donor meetings;
- Reviewing and updating of the CPF strategic documents¹⁰ (policy document, Strategic Vision towards 2030, and work plan);
- Stimulating broader participation by existing member organizations in its activities;
- Continuing involving significant groups and other stakeholders in CPF activities;
- Contributing to the midterm review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests in 2024.

Contributions to UNFF documentation and sessions

26. CPF reports annually to UNFF on its activities, taking into account the thematic priorities of the UNFF sessions. CPF and its member organizations also provide their inputs to the relevant UNFF documents to update the status of the preparation and implementation of its work plan and respond to guidance provided by the UNFF.

27. CPF contributes to discussions at the UNFF sessions to support its work and provide scientific and technical advice.

28. CPF may organize side events and stakeholder meetings in conjunction with UNFF sessions.

Activities on emerging issues and challenges

29. CPF may respond to emerging issues and challenges identified by the UNFF or by its members through appropriate collective actions, such as the release of joint statements (e.g., the joint CPF Statement "Towards sustainability: forest solutions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," 2020¹¹; "Challenges and opportunities in turning the tide on deforestation", 2021¹²).

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Table 1: An overview of all subsection activities and their relevance and contributions to the "guiding frameworks."

Recurrent activities	CPF Core functions <i>(Policy Document)</i>	Strategic priorities <i>(SV 2030)</i>	Global Forest Goals and UNFF thematic priorities <i>(UNSPF; 4PoW 2021-2024)</i>	SDGs <i>(2030 Agenda)</i>	<i>Other forest-related goals, instruments, processes, and international developments</i>
Communication and outreach activities (including CPF website)	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies)	(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests; (c) Enhance communication and outreach activities; (d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches.	<p>Thematic priorities for 2021-2022: (i) reversions of forest cover (GFG 1); (ii) enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); and (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5 and 6).</p> <p>Thematic priorities for 2023-2024: (i) enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); (ii) increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests (GFG 3); and (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5 and 6).</p>	<p>SDG 6</p> <p>SDG 7</p> <p>SDG 11</p> <p>SDG 12</p> <p>SDG 13</p> <p>SDG 15</p> <p>SDG 17</p>	<p>The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs</p> <p>The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework of the CBD</p> <p>The Paris Agreement its nationally determined contributions (NDCs)</p> <p>The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets of the UNCCD</p>

30. In addition to their financial contributions to JIs noted in Section II-B, it is estimated that CPF member organisations contribute around 558,450-643,450 USD per annum to the cost of recurrent activities of the CPF¹³.

Table 2: Work plan actions and respective aggregated resource implications for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024

<u>Recurrent activities</u>	2021	2022	2023	2024	<u>Annual aggregated budget (USD)¹⁴</u>
	<u>Actions, expected outputs/outcomes</u>	<u>Actions, expected outputs/outcomes</u>	<u>Actions, expected outputs/outcomes</u>	<u>Actions, expected outputs/outcomes</u>	
Communication and outreach activities (including CPF website)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Migration of the CPF website to a new platform and improving design and user-friendliness - Proposing the IDF theme 2022 and 2023 to UNFF 	- Keeping the CPF			

JI: Wangari Maathai Award

JI: Forest Finance Facilitation

a) Objectives:

To support the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network¹⁸ to mobilize financing for the sustainable management of all types of forests and in particular to:

- Assist countries to design national forest financing strategies;
- Assist countries to mobilize financial resources from all relevant sources for sustainable forest management, including as sources of financing or as accredited entities to multilateral financing mechanisms;
- Support the Clearing House of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network by sharing

JI: Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP)

a) Objectives:

To support UNFF and other forest-related intergovernmental processes by assessing available scientific information in a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, objective, open, an

JI: Streamlining Global Forest-related Reporting

a) Objectives:

- To harmonize global reporting on forest resources, their management, and uses for various processes and conventions;
- To improve the coverage, quality, and transparency of forest-related data and information;
- To improve monitoring of and reporting on progress towards Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda 2030, Global Forest Goals of the UNFF's Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, Paris Agreement and Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- To reduce the forest-related reporting burden on countries.

The steps towards these objectives are:

- Develop an improved methodology for reporting on primary forests in collaboration with FAO members and other partners;
- Review and revise the scope, terms, and definitions for the Global Forest Resource TJJst

JI: Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW)

a) Objectives:

This initiative's principal goal is to strengthen sustainable wood value chains to enhance their social, economic, and environmental benefits from production to consumption. By setting up collaborative activities with a broad range of stakeholders along the value chains, the initiative advances the responsible production and consumption of legal and sustainable wood in support of the bioeconomy. The initiative contributes to increase socioeconomic benefits from forests, and the supply of low carbon products for a climate-resilient planet, in coherence with forest

JI: Turning the Tide on Deforestation

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Basic information about completed CPF Joint Initiatives:

JI: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes (GF4SL)

a) Objectives

- The GF4SL aims to provide enabling conditions for commitments toward deforestation-free, sustainable commodity production and other forms of sustainable land use. The project's overall objective is to boost bank and investor interest to increase capital flows towards restoration and deforestation

Basic information about planned Joint Initiatives

JI: Integrated Fire Management in Tropical Forests

a) Objectives:

The overarching objective of this initiative is to significantly reduce the incidence, damage and loss of forest fires in tropical forests, thereby contributing to the sustainable management of these invaluable natural assets for the purpose of fostering sustainable development.

This initiative will contribute to the promotion of effective Integrated Fire Management (IFM) in tropical forests and help strengthen countries' capacities in the context of promoting global fire management initiatives, including the implementation of ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests and supporting the promotion of IFM under the Global Fire Management Hub hosted by FAO. Key activities of the initiative include improving policy frameworks, building capacities and skill development for actors and stakeholders, including local forest communities, and enhancing regional and global cooperation. The three outputs expected under this initiative are outlined below:

Expected Results/Outputs:

Output 1: Strengthened Policy Frameworks for Integrated Fire Management in Tropical Forests

Output 2: Enhanced Capacities for Implementing Integrated Fire Management in Tropical Forests

Output 3: Strengthened Regional and International Collaboration, Information Sharing, Knowledge Management, Networking, and Outreach for Integrated Fire Management in Tropical Forests

b) Relevance and contributions to "guiding frameworks":

This initiative links closely with the UN Strategic Plan for Forests and the six Global Forest

JI: Forests for Food Security and Nutrition

This initiative aims to update the current data and information on the links between forests, food security and nutrition, as well as to gather context-specific evidence based on case-studies at regional, sub-regional, country and community-levels. It will focus on identifying challenges and opportunities in putting in place sound cross-sectoral policies and programmes that enhance the links between forestry, agriculture, food security and nutrition.

The initiative also aims to establish a joint roadmap of scaling up actions and implementation to enhance the contribution of forests to food security and nutrition particularly at country level, through a global dialogue.

The outcomes of the report shall shed light on actions needed, especially at national level to achieve sustainable forestry and food security at the same time.

The JI provides direct support to GFG 2, 5 and 6. It contributes GFG2 by identifying challenges and opportunities in enhancing the contribution of forests to food security (i.e. increased access to food) and livelihoods based on the updated data and information. It also contributes to GFG 5 & 6 as the initiative is aligned with the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) as the expected report will contain the updates of the current data and information, good practices as well as the challenges and opportunities in implementing sound cross-sectoral policies and programmes (related to forestry, agriculture, food security and nutrition).

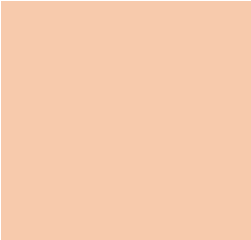
- a) Lead agencies and other CPF partners: lead agency FAO, with initiative

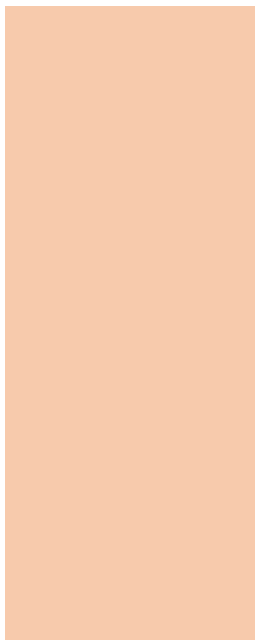
			coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFGs 4, 5 and 6).		
JI: Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP)	(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g.,				

<p>JI: Turning the tide on deforestation</p>	<p>(a) Support the work of UNFF and members</p> <p>(c) Enhance coherence and cooperation, as well as policy and programme and coordination, at all levels among its member organizations, including through joint programming and the submission of coordinated proposals to their respective governing bodies, consistent with their mandates;</p> <p>(d) Promote the implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI &) and the UNSPF and as well as the contribution to of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other global major forest-related agreements.</p>	<p>(c) Enhance communication and outreach activities</p>	<p>All Global Forest Goals</p>	<p>SDG 3 SDG 6 SDG 11 SDG 12 SDG 13 SDG 14 SDG 15</p>	<p>The Paris Agreement its nationally determined contributions (NDCs)</p> <p>The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets of the UNCCD</p> <p>The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030;</p> <p>The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework of the CBD</p>
<p>JI: Strengthening the conservation of primary forests through enhanced partnerships and coordination of support</p>	<p>(a) Support the work of UNFF and members</p> <p>(b) Provide scientific and technical advice, including on emerging issues, to the UNFF and governing bodies of other CPF members, at their request;</p> <p>(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies)</p> <p>(d) Promote implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and the UNSPF as well as the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major forest-related agreements.</p>	<p>(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests</p> <p>(b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making;</p> <p>(c) Enhance communication and outreach activities</p> <p>(d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches</p> <p>(e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests</p> <p>(f) Identify emerging issues of significant concerns to forests.</p>	<p>GFG 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6</p>	<p>SDG 13 SDG 15 SDG 17</p>	<p>The Paris Agreement and its nationally determined contributions (NDCs)</p> <p>The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030;</p> <p>The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets of the UNCCD</p>
<p>Completed JI: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes (GF4SL)</p>	<p>(c) Enhance coherence, cooperation & coordination (e.g., joint programming and coordinated proposals to governing bodies)</p> <p>(d) Promote the implementation of UNFI & UNSPF and contribution to 2030 Agenda and other global agreements</p>	<p>(a) Support the achievement of the globally agreed goals and targets on forests;</p> <p>(b) Promote the science-policy interface and science-based decision making;</p> <p>(d) Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, policy coherence, coordination, and integrated approaches;</p> <p>(e) Unlock the full potential and values of forests;</p>	<p>Reversions of forest cover (GFG 1); Enhancing forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits (GFG 2); Mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation (GFG 4); and enhancing cooperation, coordination, and coherence, for sustainable forest management (GFG 6).</p>	<p>SDG 13 SDG 15 SDG 17</p>	<p>The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030</p>

Table 4: Work plan actions and respective aggregated resource implications for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024

CPF Joint Initiatives	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total project budget (USD) ²⁰
	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	Actions, expected outputs/outcomes	
JI: Communicators' Network	<p>Celebration of IDF21, communicating the theme, development of outreach products.</p> <p>Proposal of an IDF theme 2022 and 2023.</p> <p>Review, update and translate website.</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA.</p> <p>Support outreach for the WFC XV.</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COPs, UN Food Systems Summit, etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD.</p>	<p>Celebration of IDF22, communicating the theme, development of outreach products</p> <p>Review, update and translate website</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA, revamp the WMA tribute film</p> <p>Support outreach for the WFC XV</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COFO, COPs etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD</p>	<p>Celebration of IDF23, communicating the theme, development of outreach products</p> <p>Selection of the IDF theme 2024</p> <p>Review, update and translate website</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COPs etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD</p>	<p>Celebration of IDF24, communicating the theme, development of outreach products</p> <p>Selection of the IDF theme 2025</p> <p>Launch the 'Grow the solution' campaign to strengthen global advocacy on sustainable wood</p> <p>Review, update and translate website</p> <p>Support the promotion of the WMA</p> <p>Support outreach for key international events (COFO, COPs etc.)</p> <p>Promote other international days such as the WWD</p>	USD 964,000 (USD 241,000 per annum)

	<p>Organise International Conference on Forest Education; 22-24 June 2021</p> <p>Launch of “Online Learning Course on Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC) of Tropical Wood and Tropical Forest Products” developed by ITTO</p> <p>Presentation of prototype of the online platform Forestra developed by IUFRO</p>	<p>on Forestry / World Forest Week in Rome.</p>	<p>development and knowledge sharing for sustainable development</p> <p>Update website</p>	<p>sustainable management of forests</p> <p>Provide technical support to forest communities</p>
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forests in collaboration with FAO members and other partners	forests in collaboration with FAO members and other partners
Further participatory development of the Tier 3 indicators of the Global Core Set of forest-related indicators and making the set available for as many global and regional forest-related reporting processes and mechanisms as possible;	Develop of a document describing the status of, and trends in, the Global Core Set of forest related indicators
Further improvements of the Global Forest Resources Assessment data entry, review, analysis, and reporting platform	Analysis of the uptake of (F)4(o)-6(r)5(e)
Review and revision of FRA scope, terms, and definitions of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025.	



Inputs to COFO 26/SOFO 2022	neutral Bioeconomy”, funded by Austria to facilitate technical and scientific knowledge and policy experience exchanges as well as global and regional policy dialogues
Support to 2-4 countries.	on up-scaling the contribution of sustainable wood-based materials and bioenergy.
South-South cooperation	
Regional exchange on finance for sustainable wood production by smallholders and SMEs;	
Two country dialogues and technical cooperation	Work with countries, including in the context of GEF8 proposals, to explore linkages between sustainable wood value chains and forest restoration, including to address the “wood gap”, i.e. the wood needs to support the expansion of consumption and the bioeconomy, by associating wood value chain projects to forest restoration interventions, supporting integration of forest communities and producers to value chains, and disseminating innovation to take advantage of 5.104 1
Investment Forum session on finance for sustainable landscapes building on wood production and restoration and the WFC.	
E-learning course on developing bankable businesses	
Website (improvement)	

JJ: Turning the tide on deforestation

[CPF Joint Statement Challenges and opportunities in turning the tide on deforestation, 2021](#)

[CPF Publication: Turning the tide on deforestation: flagship initiatives of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, 2021](#)

[High-level dialogue at COP26 on 'Upscaling actions to tun](#)

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	datasets, case studies, business models	3. Knowledge products are available on the learning hub, min 100 producer orgs and 100 women are trained			
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Section III: Follow-up, review, and reporting on the progress of the work plan

31. The CPF will follow up and take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the work plan annually, via documentation prepared for the annual UNFF sessions and through the CPF Chair's statement during the session.
32. The CPF will review the existing work plan and update it when necessary (e.g., including new

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CPF member organizations to enhance cooperation and collaborations and strengthen their support to the Forum and its Members.³²

Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network

- *Invites* members of the CPF to consider seconding staff to the secretariat to enhance the capacity of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network with a view to providing adequate and timely support to members of the Forum, and to scale up support to the activities of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network.³³
- *Further requests* the Secretariat, within the existing resources, to regularly update the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network clearing house databases, and communicate information to familiarize Members of the Forum with the databases, and in this respect, *invites* members of the CPF to contribute, as appropriate, within their mandates and available resources.³⁴

Monitoring, assessment, and reporting

- *Further requests* that the secretariat of the Forum, through voluntary contributions and in consultation with Members of the Forum, to organize jointly with the FAO and other relevant CPF member organizations, a global workshop on national voluntary reporting on progress towards Global Forest Goals and targets, with a focus on data sources, collection, and methodologies for which there is a lack of systematic data, with modalities for inclusive participation, and with due regard to all UN official languages subject to availability of extrabudgetary resources.³⁵
- *Also invites* members of the Forum and the governing bodies of member organizations of the CPF to make use of the global core set of forest

6.2 Forest-related programmes across member organizations of the CPF are coherent and complementary and together encompass the multiple contributions of forests and the forest sector to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.⁴⁵

- The UNFF is the responsible intergovernmental body for follow-up and review of the implementation of the UNSPF, including through providing guidance to the CPF and ensuring the smooth interplay between its odd- and even-year sessions.⁴⁶
- Member organizations of the CPF play an important role in implementing the UNSPF and are encouraged to integrate relevant GFGs and targets into their forest-related plans and programmes, where appropriate and consistent with their respective mandates.⁴⁷
- The CPF is invited to support the UNFF and its members in advancing the GFGs and targets, including through cooperation and partnership among its members, implementing a joint work plan with the CPF which is aligned with the UNFF's quadrennial programmes of work; and by identifying collective actions by all or subsets of the CPF's members, as well as associated resource needs.⁴⁸
- Members of the UNFF are encouraged to support the CPF workplan as an essential strategy for improving cooperation, synergies, and coherence among member organizations of the CPF. Members of the UNFF are also encouraged to provide voluntary financial contributions to support the activities of the CPF and its member organizations.⁴⁹
- Effective attainment of the GFGs and targets also requires the mobilization of the best available scientific and traditional forest-related knowledge. The scientific community, in cooperation with the Forum and its members, is encouraged to support the implementation of the strategic plan, through scientific inputs presented to the UNFF. In doing so, the UNFF is invited to build upon existing joint initiatives of the CPF and further strengthen these initiatives.⁵⁰
- The GFFFN of the UNFF, in close cooperation with members of the CPF, contr

- The assessment should take into account voluntary national reporting on the implementation of the UNSPF, the UNFI, voluntary national contributions, and the results of the most recent Global Forest Resources Assessment of FAO, as well as inputs from the CPF and its member organizations and other partners within and outside the UN system, including regional and subregional organizations and relevant stakeholders.⁵²
- The UNFF, as a functional commission of the ECOSOC, should contribute to the follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs, including through the work of the CPF on global forest indicators, as well as highlight the contribution of forests to the SDGs, to be reviewed in-depth at the annual sessions of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.⁵³
- The UN system, the CPF, and its member organizations and other partners are encouraged to enhance cooperation and synergies on forest-related communication and outreach to increase the impact of their messaging and to consider joint events and products with national, regional, subregional, and non-governmental organizations and processes.⁵⁴

International Arrangement on Forests

- *Notes* the ongoing efforts of the CPF and its members and other relevant entities and processes to work jointly to further streamline and harmonize reporting, reduce reporting burdens and

- The main contribution of CITES to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the world's forests and forest genetic resources is through ensuring the proper implementation of the Convention for the plants listed in the Appendices, which total around 30,000 species. In the case of Appendix-II listed species, this entails ensuring that exports of specimens of such species are sustainable and regulated in

respond to the requests of the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 21 of decision XII/6, to support the implementation of the present decision, and to report on progress to the SBSTTA or the SBI, as appropriate, at a meeting prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

XIII/3. Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including concerning mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors

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research network and activities, including work on the science-society/policy interface ensure that our partners and stakeholders will have access to best science-based solutions for complex challenges and issues facing the world's forests. IUFRO's involvement in the CPF directly supports our institutional Goal 3 towards improving visibility, outreach and education.

IUFRO post-2020 Strategy: <https://www.iufro.org/fileadmin/material/science/divisions/toolbox/iufro-strategy-2020-post.pdf>

Strategy	Action	Plan	2020-2024:
https://www.iufro.org/fileadmin/material/science/divisions/toolbox/iufro-strategy-action-plan-2020-2024.pdf			

ANNEX II: Priorities of the CPF work in 2024

At its meeting on 23 January 2024, member organizations of the CPF identified main priorities for the CPF work in 2024, and major events and conferences to which the CPF could participate and make contributions. These priorities, major events and conferences are as follows:

1. Main priorities

Development of new CPF Joint Initiatives

Implementation of the outcome of the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests related to the CPF

Preparation of the CPF Work Plan for 2025-2028

Participation and contribution to major events and conferences

2. Major events and conferences, and the CPF's role

<i>Date</i>	Event	Description
<i>23 January</i>	CPF meeting (virtual)	Election of 2024 CPF Vice-Chair Preparations for UNFF19 Priorities for 2024 CPF Work Plan 2025-2028
<i>21 March</i>	2024 celebrations of the International Day of Forests	

