## Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventeenth session and provisional agenda for its eighteenth session

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## **United Nations Forum on Forests**

At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 21 July 2022, the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Took note of the report of the Forum on its seventeenth session;
- (b) Noted that the eighteenth session of the Forum will be held at Headquarters from 8 to 12 May 2023;
- (c) Approved the provisional agenda for the eighteenth session of the Forum as set out below:

Draft provisional agenda for the eighteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

- 1. Election of officers.
- Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
- 3. Technical discussions on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
- (a) Thematic priorities for the biennium 2023–2024 biennium, in support of the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030;
- (b) Contributions of members of the Forum to implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
  - (i) New announcements of voluntary national contributions;
- (ii) Updates on voluntary national contributions and their follow-up related to the thematic priorities;
- (c) 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, and progress on the workplan of the Partnership;
- (ii) Contributions of regional and subregional organizations and processes to achieving the thematic priorities;
- (iii) Contributions of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community, to achieving the thematic priorities, and progress on major group workplans;
- (d) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the 2023 high-level political forum on sustainable development, the work towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and other international forest-related developments;
- (e) 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 in 2023;
- (f) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network;
  - (g) Monitoring, assessment and reporting:
  - (i) Global core set of forest-related indicators;
  - (ii) Preparations for the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025.
- (h) Update on the preparations for the 2024 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.
  - 4. Trust fund for the United Nations Forum on forests.
  - 5. Emerging issues.
  - 6. Date and venue of the nineteenth session of the Forum.
  - 7. Provisional agenda of the nineteenth session of the Forum.
  - 8. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its eighteenth session.