

United Nations Forum on Forests

The Secretariat informed that in implementing the mandate from ECOSOC resolution 2022/17, the Secretariat revised the format for national reporting, and shared it with Members of the Forum in October 2022 to initiate the pilot phase for the use of this revised format. The pilot phase is being conducted until mid-February 2023. So far, 13 countries had indicated their willingness to participate in the pilot phase. The result of the pilot phase will be considered at a global workshop in March 2023, as explained in item 5c below.

5. Intersessional activities in preparations for the midterm review of the IAF:

a. Update on the Bangkok Expert Group Meeting

The Secretariat informed that the Bangkok Expert Group Meeting would be held from 11 to 13 January 2023 in a hybrid format. This meeting would be part of the intersessional activities in preparations for the IAF midterm review, during which, three assessment reports by consultants would be presented. These include the assessment reports

submission to the ECOSOC President by 1 March 2023. The Bureau also reminded that additional opportunity would be provided for all Members of the Forum and stakeholders to share their views on the contribution of forests to the SDGs under review of the 2023 session of the HLPF, at UNFF18. The Bureau the ECOSOC President following the conclusion of UNFF18.

Nevertheless, the Secretariat planned to attend this meeting, and join relevant events, especially during the second week of COP15, including CPF partner events at the Rio Conventions Pavilion.

c. Briefing on the International Day of Forest 2023

The Secretariat informed that the theme for IDF 2023 is forests and health. The Secretariat planned to organize a half day hybrid event on 21 March 2023 in New York. This event would normally include three parts, the first an opening segment by senior officials from Member States and the UN. The second segment would include discussions by CPF members, stakeholders and non-state players, and the third part, a general discussion with statements from the floor by participants. In addition to the UNHQ event, the Secretariat would also prepare a social media package with an advisory, and Trello Board, as well as communication materials in all UN languages.

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 1:00 pm