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Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fourteenth session

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The United Nations Forum on Forests held its fourteenth session at United Nations Headquarters on 11 May 2018 and from 6 to 10 May 2019. The Forum held ___ plenary meetings (1st to ___).
2. At the 1st meeting, on 11 May 2018, the Chair pro tempore and Chair of the thirteenth session of the Forum, Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob (Malaysia), opened the fourteenth session.
3. At the 2nd meeting, on 6 May 2019, the Chair of the fourteenth session, Boris Greguška (Slovakia), resumed the session and made an opening statement.
4. At the same meeting, the President of the Economic and Social Council, Inga Rhonda King (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), addressed the Forum.
5. Also at the same meeting, the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, made a statement.

[To be completed]

B. Election of officers

6. At its 1st meeting, on 11 May 2018, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Boris Greguška (Slovakia) as Chair and Javad Momeni (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chair of the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions.



7. At the 2nd meeting, on 6 May 2019, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Khalid Cherki (Morocco), Kitty Sweeb (Suriname) and Rob Busink (Netherlands) as Vice-Chairs of the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions.

8. At the same meeting, the Forum appointed Khalid Cherki (Morocco) to serve concurrently as Rapporteur of the fourteenth session.

C. Agenda and organization of work

9. At the 2nd meeting, on 6 May 2019, following the statements by the representatives of Switzerland, Australia and Japan, the Forum adopted its provisional agenda for the session as contained in document [E/CN.18/2019/1](#). The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
 - (a) Technical discussion and exchange of experiences on the thematic and operational priorities, priority actions and resource needs for the period 2019–2020, taking into account the review cycle of the high-level political forum on sustainable development during the biennium and the theme of the International Day of Forests;
 - (b) Voluntary announcement of voluntary national contributions;
 - (c) United Nations system-wide contributions to the implementation of the global forest goals and targets;
4. Monitoring, assessment and reporting:
 - (a) Progress on the implementation of the strategic plan, including the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions;
 - (b) Progress on the development of global forest indicators.
5. Means of implementation: progress on the activities and the operation of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network and availability of resources.
6. Enhancing global forest policy coherence and a common international understanding of sustainable forest management.
7. Enhanced cooperation, coordination and engagement on forest-related issues:
 - (a) Activities of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests in support of the strategic plan and the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2017–2020;
 - (b) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: implementation of the Paris Agreement;
 - (c) Convention on Biological Diversity: Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
 - (d) Regional and subregional partners;
 - (e) Major groups and other relevant stakeholders;
 - (f) Communication and outreach activities;

- (g) Cross-sectoral engagement;
 - (h) Information on intersessional activities.
8. Emerging issues and challenges.
 9. Trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests.
 10. Information on the reform of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs pertaining to the Forum on Forests.
 11. Dates and venue of the fifteenth session of the Forum.
 12. Provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the Forum.
 13. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fourteenth session.
10. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Forum approved the provisional organization of work for the session, as circulated in an informal paper in English only, on the understanding that it might be further revised, as warranted.
11. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Forum recalled that the session was a technical session for implementation and technical advice and that a Chair's summary of the discussions during the session would be transmitted as an input of the Forum to the 2019 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

D. Attendance

12. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies, with full and equal participation. The list of participants will be issued as document [E/CN.18/2019/INF/1](#).

E. Documentation

13. The documentation considered by the Forum at its fourteenth session is available from the website of the Forum at <https://www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/current-session/official-documents/>.
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