

7.1. TRANSFORMING AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS: HALTING DEFORESTATION AND PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF FOREST PRODUCTS

1. In order to strengthen contributions from the forest sector to the improvement of food systems and stepping up action on halting deforestation, the Committee requested FAO to:
 - a. integrate forestry in FAO's work on food systems;
 - b. promote synergies and address trade-offs between forestry and agriculture in initiatives and projects, including through COVID-19 pandemic recovery measures;
 - c. integrate forestry in FAO's Hand-in-Hand initiative with interested partners, at the request of the Member;
 - d. enhance FAO's cross-sectoral work to address impacts of certain agriculture production systems and related food systems on forests;
 - e. enhance FAO's cross-sectoral work on afforestation, reforestation and forest restoration at all levels for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, contributing to the UN System-wide efforts to "Turning the tide on deforestation" co-led by FAO, and take into account the issue of forests in the preparation of the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit;
 - f. engage with public, private sector and civil society stakeholders and initiatives aiming at halting deforestation and at promoting legal and sustainable value chains of forest and agricultural products, as well as sustainable food systems as a whole; and
 - g. consider ways for strengthening coordination between COFO and COAG on cross-sectoral matters.
2. The Committee recommends that in the future any papers dealing with inter-related issues between agriculture and forests be presented to both COFO and COAG.
3. The Committee invited Members to:
 - a. promote policy coordination and align public incentives to halt deforestation, in accordance with their national legislation, and foster sustainable food systems;
 - b. promote sustainable production practices and responsible consumption of forest and agricultural products to this end and their contributions to resource-efficient economies, ensuring that policies and incentives are in accordance with multilateral trade rules and taking into account the need to avoid creating unnecessary or inappropriate barriers to trade.