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PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION

First session	Mexico, D.F., Mexico	24-29 July 1961
Second session	Ottawa, Canada	17-22 July 1963
Third session	Washington, D.C., USA	18-22 October 1965
Fourth session	Mexico, D.F., Mexico	2-7 October 1967
Fifth session	Ottawa, Canada	15-20 September 1969
Sixth session	Washington, D.C., USA	27-31 March 1972
Seventh session	Mexico, D.F., Mexico	4-8 February 1974
Eighth session	Ottawa, Canada	23-27 February 1976
Ninth session	San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA	13-17 February 1978
Tenth session	Pátzcuaro, Mich., Mexico	18-22 February 1980
Eleventh session	Victoria, B.C., Canada	16-19 February 1982
Twelfth session	El Paso, Texas, USA	21-24 February 1984
Thirteenth session	Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico	3-7 February 1986
Fourteenth session	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada	14-17 October 1987
Fifteenth session	San Diego, California, USA	6-9 February 1990
Sixteenth session	Cancun, Mexico	10-14 February 1992
Seventeenth session	Jasper (Alberta), Canada	26-30 September 1994
Eighteenth session	Asheville (North Carolina), USA	18-22 November 1996
Nineteenth session	Villahermosa, Mexico	16-20 November 1998
Twentieth session	St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada	12-16 June 2000
Twenty-first session	Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, USA	22-26 October 2002
Twenty-second session	Veracruz, Mexico	25-28 October 2004
Twenty-third session	Vancouver, Canada	23-24 October 2006
Twenty-fourth session	San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA	9-13 June 2008
Twenty-fifth session	Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico	3-7 May 2010
Twenty-sixth session	Quebec City, Quebec, Canada	8-9 May 2012
Twenty-seventh session	Madison, Wisconsin, USA	11-13 June 2014
Twenty-eighth session	Campeche, Mexico	11-14 January 2016
Twenty-ninth session	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	19-21 September 2017
Thirtieth session	Missoula, Montana, USA	9-12 September 2019
Thirty-first session	Virtual, Mexico	17-19 November 2021

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OPENING OF THE SESSION (Item 1)

1. The Thirty-second Session of the North American Forest Commission (NAFC) was hosted by Canada, from 25 to 27 September 2023. The session was held in a hybrid modality. The session was attended by participants from the three Member Nations of the Commission and the Food and Agriculture Organization United Nations (FAO). The Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the representative of the Inter-American Development Bank joined the session virtually. The agenda of the session is attached as *Annex A*, the list of participants as *Annex B*, and the list of documents submitted for consideration by the Commission as *Annex C*.
2. Mr Peter Fullarton, Director General, Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service, Atlantic Forestry Centre, Chairperson of NAFC, welcomed participants on behalf of the host country and opened the Session. Elder Ramona Nichols, St. Mary's First Nation, provided a blessing to open the meeting recognizing the traditional lands and culture of the Indigenous Peoples of New Brunswick. Mr Günter Walkner, Chairperson of the 27th Session of the Committee on Forestry provided opening remarks highlighting the regional and global policy interface. Mr Wu, Director of the Forestry Division, FAO delivered opening remarks on behalf of Dr QU Dongyu, Director-General of FAO.
3. Ms Malgorzata Buszko-Briggs, Senior Forestry Officer, Forestry Division, FAO served as Secretary of the Commission.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Item 2)

4. The Agenda was adopted as presented.

COUNTRY REPORTS (Item 3)

Mexico (Items 3.1)

5. Mexico's Commissioner, Mr Luis Meneses Murillo, Director General, National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR) presented an overview of the national forest sector, highlighting Mexico's vision for the construction of an ecological civilization that promotes the preservation of the planet and equality of opportunities in fair and sustainable production and consumption systems, as part of the "Model of Mexican Humanism."
6. Efforts in reforestation, restoration, forest protection, community forest management and forest certification were mentioned. The importance of the integration of Indigenous Peoples and women as agents of change for the country was underscored. Investments have been made by CONAFOR for the promotion of gender equality through the Unit for Interinstitutional Relations and Gender Equality, with the prioritization of promoting the participation of women, strengthening their organization processes and increasing their leadership roles within their local communities. An example provided was the country's State and Regional Workshops for Women in Forestry.
7. Reduced deforestation rates in Mexico were reported. Climate change and the increase in wildfires were highlighted as major challenges, which is why efforts to strengthen the nation's fire prediction system will persist. Mexico emphasized the importance of collaboration on forest fire management in the region, with the signing of Operation Plans for the exchange of resources in forest fire management with Canada and the United States of America.

United States of America (Items 3.2)

8. Commissioner *a.i.* Mr Val Mezainis, Director, US Forest Service, USA lined out five broader goals for forestry in the USA. These goals include fostering a workplace environment in which employees thrive, strengthening and diversifying relationships and partnerships to promote diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility, combating the climate crisis impacting forests and grasslands, protecting lands and

communities from the threat of wildfire and managing access and infrastructure to address changing needs and conditions.

9. Other major areas of focus include forest fragmentation and nonnative species, disturbances such as insects, diseases and wildfire, watershed management, roundwood production, forest-related jobs and economic opportunities from recreation, bioenergy, non-wood forest products and urban forestry.

10. About 67 percent of the USA's forest land is available for timber harvest, and the forest products industry employs about 800,000 people each year. An increase in forest-related jobs and economic opportunities that come from outdoor recreation, along with the increasing importance of bioenergy and non-wood forest products – with the latter being especially important for local economies and Indigenous communities.

11. The increased importance of forests in urban forest areas was noted, with urban trees reducing the country's energy used for heating and cooling by about 5.4 billion USD annually, producing about 61 million metric tons of oxygen per year and sequestering about 34 million metric tons of carbon.

Canada (Items 3.3)

12. Commissioner *a.i.* Mr Peter Fullarton, Director General, Atlantic Forestry Centre, Canadian Forest Service provided an overview of the forest sector in Canada highlighting where the Federal Government is focusing its efforts: sustainable jobs and competitiveness, climate and nature, and reconciliation and stronger relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

13. In terms of sustainable jobs and competitiveness, the Canadian Forest Service continues to support the transformation of the forest industry through investments in innovation that support a competitive forest bioeconomy, including in the advancement of research and scaling up of biofuels and bioenergy. To address climate change and biodiversity loss, the Government of Canada has established the Natural Climate Solutions Fund which aims to provide substantial emissions reductions while also providing important co-benefits for human well-being and biodiversity. The Government of Canada is working to assess how managed forest lands can contribute to conservation targets, with particular emphasis on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs). Through initiatives such as the Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI), the Canadian Forest Service is ensuring targeted support for and engagement with Indigenous partners and communities across Canada. The program continues to evolve beyond economic outcomes as it hears from Indigenous peoples about their desire to support stewardship and other community-identified priorities in the forest sector.

14. Forest sector funding programmes include the Two Billion Trees, Forest Systems Information and Technology Enhancement, Green Construction through Wood, Early Intervention research, Forest Innovation, Indigenous Forestry, and Investments in Forest Industry Transformation programs.

15. It was highlighted that Canada has developed international collaboration tools to facilitate the sharing of expertise and resources to better predict, manage and suppress wildland fires both domestically and abroad. This wildfire season has been unprecedented with fire presence in every province at the same time. Longer fire seasons with intense fire events are predicted. The Canada acknowledged and thanked Mexico and the United States of America for their aid and contributions to fighting the Canadian forest fires in 2023.

16. Mr Fullarton noted key areas for the Canadian Forest Service's forest science and research, with topics including climate change, fire management, forestry, pests, genetic resources, biodiversity and degradation. An example of innovation in this field is using science in combination with Indigenous knowledge to predict changes in caribou habitat and developing sustainable practices to ensure resiliency.

FAO report (Item 4)

17. Mr Zhimin Wu, Director of the Forestry Division, FAO provided an update on the FAO's work on forestry highlighting important decisions of the 43rd FAO Conference, the FAO Council and the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO). The priority areas for FAO Forestry, endorsed by the 26th Session of COFO are halting deforestation and enhancing resilience, mainstreaming biodiversity and restoring forest ecosystems, and enhancing sustainable production, use and livelihoods, as well as data, statistics and analytics. These priority areas are discussed in detail in the FAO flagship publication "*The State of the World's Forests*" (2022).

18. A spotlight on activities to implement the priorities were outlined, including the program to reduce emission from deforestation and degradation (REDD+), the Global Fire Management Hub, the forest health programme, FAO's co-leadership in the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and its implementation, activities to mainstream biodiversity in forestry, the nexus between forestry and agriculture, forest products data, bioeconomy and national forest monitoring.

19. FAO Forestry is positioned within the UN System as a UN-specialized technical agency with regional and country presences. Its niche is data, information, expertise, forest policy, capacity development and field projects and the envisaged conceptual shift is to focus more on the productive functions of forests while finding a balanced approach between production and protection.

20. FAO also provided a complete report on the activities undertaken in response to the decisions of the 31st Session of NAFC. The activities are described in detail in document NAFC/2023/2.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF ALTERNATES (BoA) (Item 5)

21. Mr Pierre-Jonathan Teasdale, Director of the Trade and International Affairs Division, Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada presented the report of the Bureau of Alternates (BoA) (NAFC/2023/3), which is available on the FAO website.

22. The Commission welcomed the report and noted the useful role of the BoA in the intersessional work of the NAFC, as well as in the preparation of NAFC sessions, in processing funding requests from Working Groups (WGs), and its work to address the Commission's recommendations. The efforts of the BoA to support the NAFC WGs with working virtually due to the pandemic-related restrictions were acknowledged as well as the leadership of the USA in regard to support of a staff position for the liaison between the BoA and the WGs.

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING GROUPS (Item 6)

6.1 Climate, Atmospheric Change and Forests

23. The Commission:

- a. welcomed the report (NAFC/2023/4.1) and commended the Working Group (WG) for its activities.

24. The WG reported the re-establishment of quarterly meetings (virtual and in-person) after a slowdown of activities due to the pandemic. The use of trinational datasets was highlighted as well as the close collaborations with the WG on inventory and monitoring and on silviculture. Key documents for the WG are being translated into three languages and a workshop on modelling results is planned. The WG is requesting funding for the workshop and for translations.

6.2 Fire Management

25. The Commission:

- a. *welcomed* with appreciation of document NAFC/2023/4.2 and *commended* the Working Group for its activities.

26. The strong collaboration between the three countries on fire issues was emphasized. There is an active exchange to develop capacities and exchange knowledge and best practices. A new initiative of the WG is to develop a North American blueprint for wildfire science. Seed funding for this initiative is already secured which will be used to get the project started. Challenges mentioned were equity and gender issues in fire management. There are several initiatives ongoing to address this challenge, one of them being a Latin American Women's Fire Management Workshop. Funding was requested in support of the Mexican delegation's participation at WG meetings.

6.3 Forest Genetic Resources

27. The Commission:

- a. *welcomed* the report (NAFC/2023/4.3) and *commended* the Working Group for its activities.

28. Collaboration and contributions to FAO's Global Plan of Action for Forest Genetic Resources, and to regional networks such as ConForGen and LAFROGEN were highlighted. Due to climate change, a paradigm shift from in situ genetic conservation to ex situ conservation is needed, and this is a focus of the WG. Further, the use of the Seedlot Selection Tool was facilitated for Mexico through the translation of the tool and related materials. The WG highlighted its experience with identifying wood samples, for example through the identification of hybrids and patterns of genetic variation among and within forest tree populations. This can be of particular importance for the WG on Illegal Logging. No funding was requested.

6.4 Forest Insects and Diseases and Invasive Plants

29. The Commission:

- a. took note with appreciation of document NAFC/2023/4.4 and *commended* the Working Group for its activities.

30. After a phase where collaboration was temporarily on hold, several new members were welcomed to the WG. The WG reported their efforts to update the group's strategic plan, defining specific tasks for the next year. The deemphasize of work on invasive plants was agreed upon within the group, which would like to narrow the focus of its work. Funding for interpretation services and for participation in in-person meetings was requested.

6.5 Forest Inventory, Monitoring, and Assessment

31. The Commission:

- a. *welcomed* document NAFC/2023/4.5 and the activities of the Working Group.

32. The close collaboration between the WG and FAO in preparing the national reports under the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) was highlighted. A continuation of the discussion within the FRA expert group with the goal of enhancing the forestry-related employment indicator, ensuring a more comprehensive representation of the various jobs associated with forestry activities, instead of solely focusing on primary sector forestry jobs, such as harvesting and logging is sought by the WG. The WG

further focuses on the improvement of the methodology for assessing primary forests and forest degradation under the FRA. Cooperation with other countries from the Latin American and Caribbean region is ongoing. The WG exchanged closely with the WG Climate, Atmospheric Change and Forests. No funding was requested.

6.6 Silviculture

33. The Commission:

- a. took note with appreciation of document NAFC/2023/4.6 and *commended* the Working Group for its activities.

34. The WG is in the process of updating the Silvics of North America report in a digital, easily accessible and updatable format. The WG will take up its yearly meetings after activities were almost halted by the pandemic. No funding was requested.

6.7 Urban Forest Programmes

35. The Commission:

- a. took note with appreciation of the report NAFC/2023/4.7 and *commended* the Working Group for its activities.

36. The urban population is growing in many parts of the world, which makes urban forests critical in addressing natural resource issues linked to climate change. The group focuses on the MyTree tool and is planning to expand its work in this direction. The tool is successful in engaging the public in urban forestry and showcasing ecosystem services in an easy-to-understand manner and thus fostering stewardship. The WG requests funding to conduct training on the MyTree tool.

6.8 Illegal Logging

37. The Commission:

- a. *welcomed* the report NAFC/2023/4.8 and the activities contained therein.

38. This WG was newly established and will leverage past activities conducted under the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) CITES timber project. Work on wood identification, a trilateral laboratory alliance, and other research and operational field collaboration are ongoing. The WG is preparing for its first in-person meeting and is supporting the development, expansion and sharing of wood reference databases. No funding was requested.

6.9 Communicators' Network

39. The Commission:

- a. took note with appreciation of the report NAFC/2023/4.9 and *commended* the Working Group for its activities.

40. Through periodic workshops the Communicators' WG aims to revitalize the network and strengthen communication capacities and information sharing between the three countries. A funding request for the first workshop was already submitted and approved by the BoA.

FAO GOVERNANCE ITEMS (Item 7)

7.1 Overview of major global processes and initiatives

41. The secretariat presented document NAFC/2023/5.1. The document and the presentation are available on the Commission's website. The United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat provided a statement on this item.
42. The USA as a co-sponsor of the 2nd World Forum on Urban Forests, to be held 16-20 October 2023, in Washington DC, USA, noted the importance of urban forestry.
43. Canada noted its endorsement of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its recent announcement to contribute CAD\$ 200 million to the new Global Biodiversity Fund.
44. The Commission:
- a. took note of the global processes and initiatives, *thanked* FAO for the report and *expressed its appreciation* for FAO's continued leadership role in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and the work done so far on its mid-term review, and highlighted forestry and wood as climate solutions;
 - b. *welcomed* the creation of the International Fire Hub, noting that duplication of efforts should be avoided while creating synergies with already existing fire initiatives;
 - c. *welcomed* the theme for the International Day of Forests 2024 on "Forests and Innovation";
 - d. *continued supporting* the FRA process and further *invited* FAO to continue working on the improvement of definitions in particular on degradation. To better account for local and national specificities, the Commission *recommended* to use more qualitative than quantitative indicators in this regard;
 - e. *welcomed* the organization of the 2nd World Forum on Urban Forests¹, 16-20 October 2023, Washington DC, USA;
 - f. *invited* FAO to promote the State of the World's Forests report 2024 within and outside the forest sector.

7.2 Input to FAO governance and FAO Forestry Strategic planning

45. Ms Malgorzata Buszko-Briggs, Secretary of the Committee on Forestry presented document NAFC/2023/5.2 and informed the Commission that the next session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) will be held on 22-26 July 2024, in Rome, Italy. She also outlined the roadmap towards COFO 27, including emerging items to be included in the provisional agenda of COFO 27. These are: items arising from the recommendations of COFO 26, review of the programme of work of FAO on forestry, agriculture and forestry linkages and the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Climate Change 2022-2031. The FAO biennial theme for 2024-2025 is "Water resources management for the four betters: better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life, to achieve Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals" was also mentioned.

46. Mr Zhimin Wu, Director of the Forestry Division, FAO presented an update on the development of FAO Forestry Roadmap: from Vision to Action towards 2031. The document is intended to address global forestry challenges (forest loss, fire, insects, deforestation, youth employment, etc.), the needs of FAO Members, alignment with the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 and the need to scale up agriculture and forestry linkages. Mr Wu also identified the three priority action areas for the new forestry roadmap as conservation (climate change mitigation), production (increase in forest food production also through innovative agroforestry linkages) and innovation (at the heart of being able to face new global challenges).

47. The Commission:

- a. *welcomed* the process to develop FAO Forestry Roadmap: from Vision to Action towards 2031 and *invited* FAO to ensure proper time for consultations with and the endorsement of Members, further operationalize it and focus on the set priorities;

¹ 2nd World Forum on Urban Forests: www.worldforumonurbanforests.org

- b. *confirmed* the continued validity of the four priorities identified during the COFO 26 and *recommended* the following additional items for the attention of COFO and the Informal Conference for North America at their next sessions:
- i. Agriculture and forestry linkages in order to halt deforestation
 - ii. Climate change
 - iii. Collaboration with Indigenous Peoples
 - iv. Addressing gender issues in an overarching manner
 - v. Reforestation
 - vi. Urban forestry
 - vii. Forest degradation.
- c. *encouraged* its Members to continue to actively support the Regional Forestry Commission as the main instrument in forestry for linking the global and regional levels under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31;
- d. *recommended* FAO to ensure that recommendations are presented to the secretariats of COFO, other Regional Forestry Commissions and the Informal Conference for North America.

FORESTRY ACTIVITIES / EVENTS OF INTEREST TO THE REGION (Item 8)

48. The USA informed that they are co-sponsors of the World Forum on Urban Forests which will be held in October 2023 with a variety of events.

49. Canada noted the Wildland Fire Conference will take place from 28 October to 1 November 2024 in Fredericton, Canada, bringing together wildland fire management agencies, partners, and collaborators to discuss fire management, ecology and science.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Item 9)

50. The following officers were elected by the Commission to hold office till the conclusion of the 33rd Session:

Chairperson: Randy Moore (USA)
First Vice-Chairperson: Luis Meneses Murillo (Mexico)
Second Vice-Chairperson: Glenn Hargrove (Canada)

51. The following officers were elected to serve in the Bureau of Alternates:

USA (Chairperson): Val Mezainis
Mexico: Carlos Manuel Pérez Medina
Canada: Pierre-Jonathan Teasdale

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION (Item 10)

52. The United States of America offered to host the 33rd Session of the Commission.

53. The Commission:

- a. *welcomed* with appreciation the generous offer of the United States of America to host its next Session;
- b. *requested* the BoA and the Secretariat to advise the NAFC on a precise date and location of the 33rd Session.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT (Item 11)

54. A task team was established with a representative of each country and FAO to draft the session's report and submit it for review and eventual adoption by the Commissioners after the Session. The task team consists of Ms Rachel Sheridan, Mexico Program Manager, and Illegal Logging Working Group Chair, USA, Ms I. Karina López Sánchez, Manager of International Cooperation, Mexico, Ms Christa Mooney, Senior Policy Advisor, Natural Resources Canada and Ms Malgorzata Buszko-Briggs, Senior Forestry Officer and COFO Secretary, FAO.

CLOSING CEREMONY (Item 12)

55. The Commission thanked Commissioner *a.i.* Peter Fullarton for ably chairing the session and expressed its appreciation to the Government of Canada and in particular all staff involved, for their great organization of the 32nd Session.

Annex 1**NAFC recommendations for the COFO Agenda**

Priority issues for COFO to consider	Expected outcome (information/discussion/decision)	Possible follow-up activities for COFO and FAO	RFC
<p><i>recommended</i> the following additional items for the attention of COFO and the Informal Conference for North America at their next sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agriculture and forestry linkages in order to halt deforestation ii. Climate change iii. Collaboration with Indigenous Peoples iv. Addressing gender issues in an overarching manner v. Reforestation vi. Urban forestry vii. Forest degradation 	discussion/decision	Consider including the mentioned items in the COFO 27 agenda and bring them to the attention of the Informal Conference for North America.	

Annex 2

NAFC Recommendations for the FAO programme of work priorities in forestry

NAFC recommendations for the FAO Programme of Work in Forestry (related to the agenda of the current session)				
<i>Area/ action for FAO programme of work</i>	<i>Priority (H, M, L, De-emphasis)</i>	<i>Type (new, continued)</i>	<i>Level of action (sub-regional/ regional/global)</i>	<i>GFGs</i>
<i>expressed its appreciation</i> for FAO's continued leadership role in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and the work done so far on its mid-term review, and highlighted forestry and wood as climate solutions	H	continued	global	all
<i>welcomed</i> the creation of the International Fire Hub, noting that duplication of efforts should be avoided while creating synergies with already existing fire initiatives	H	continued	global	1, 3, 6
<i>welcomed</i> the theme for the International Day of Forests 2024 on "Forests and Innovation"	M	continued	global	all
<i>continued supporting</i> the FRA process and further <i>invited</i> FAO to continue working on the improvement of definitions in particular on degradation. To better account for local and national specificities, the Commission <i>recommended</i> to use more qualitative than quantitative indicators in this regard	H	continued	global	1, 6
<i>welcomed</i> the organization of the 2nd World Forum on Urban Forests ² , 16-20 October 2023, Washington DC, USA	M	continued	global	3,5,6
<i>invited</i> FAO to promote the State of the World's Forests report 2024 within and outside the forest sector.	H	new	global	all

² 2nd World Forum on Urban Forests: www.worldforumonurbanforests.org

NAFC recommendations for the FAO Programme of Work in Forestry (related to the agenda of the current session)				
<i>Area/ action for FAO programme of work</i>	<i>Priority (H, M, L, De-emphasis)</i>	<i>Type (new, continued)</i>	<i>Level of action (sub-regional/ regional/global)</i>	<i>GFGs</i>
<i>welcomed</i> the process to develop FAO's forestry roadmap 2024 – 2031 and <i>invited</i> FAO to ensure proper time for consultations with and the endorsement of Members, further operationalize it and focus on the set priorities	H	new	global	all
<i>encouraged</i> its Members to continue to actively support the Regional Forestry Commission as the main instrument in forestry for linking the global and regional levels under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31	H	continued	regional	all
<i>recommended</i> FAO to ensure that recommendations are presented to the secretariats of COFO, other Regional Forestry Commissions and the Informal Conference for North America.	H	continued	regional	all

ANNEX A**AGENDA**

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10. Date and place of the next session
11. Adoption of the Report
12. Closure of the Session

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