

Joint Statement of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

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Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

- This statement is delivered on behalf of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its 16 member organizations. Forests have multi-functions and provide solutions to many global challenges including climate change, environmental degradation, biodiversity loss, food insecurity and poverty.
- As emphasised in the first global stocktake of the Paris Agreement, greater efforts must be made to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation by 2030 and increase forest area worldwide if we are to achieve the 2030 global forest-related goals and targets.
- The good news is that the deforestation rate declined in all regions in the most recent decade, as shown in the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025, just released by FAO on 21 October.
- But, at 10.9 million hectares of forests lost per year, including an estimated 1.61 million hectares of irreplaceable primary forests, the rate is still far too high.
- Wildfires, pests, disease, and extreme weather are also damaging about 170 million hectares of forests annually. Bold, urgent and innovative actions are needed to prevent forests from turning from carbon sinks into sources of emissions. This would also protect the various environmental and economic benefits, including jobs that forests offer.
- In this context, CPF welcomes the strategic emphasis of COP 30 and the COP30 Presidency on forests, including the Tropical Forest Forever Facility and the Call to Action on Integrated Fire Management and Wildfire Resilience.
- CPF stands ready to support Parties and work with all stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples, local communities, youth and women, in their efforts to achieve forest and climate goals through enhancing policy coherence, strengthening forest science, data platforms and forest monitoring, supporting forestry innovation and partnerships, and unlocking the diverse values of forests.

Thank you.