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Invitation to the 25th Session of the Committee on Forestry
and the 7th World Forest Week

5-9 October 2020

Reply requested by 4 September 2020

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has the honour to extend an invitation to attend the 25th Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO), which will be held virtually from 5 to 9 October 2020. The meeting will open on Monday, 5 October at 10.00 hours.

The 25th Session of COFO (COFO25) will be the main event of the 7th World Forest Week (WFW7), which will focus on the contributions of forests to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. COFO25 will explore the contributions that the forest sector can make to the SDG Decade of Action as well as to recovering from the COVID-19 crisis, including on solutions for climate change, biodiversity and people. The WFW7 features, in addition to COFO25, a number of events sponsored by FAO Members and partners.

The Session is being convened under the provisions of Article V-6 of the FAO Constitution and is open to members of the Committee and to observers.

The Session will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

... The Provisional Agenda is enclosed. Further documents, including the Provisional Timetable and additional information, may be downloaded at:

<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cofo/>

The Director-General would appreciate being informed by 4 September 2020 of the names, official titles, addresses and *email accounts* of representatives designated to participate in the 25th Session. Online registration for countries is available through the password-protected FAO Members Gateway: <http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/en/>. Instructions for online registration can be downloaded from the Gateway. Online registration requires the insertion of an email account in the form for accreditation. The link to access the virtual meeting will be made available upon receipt of the above information and the same email address will have to be inserted in the Zoom registration form to grant representatives access to the virtual meeting platform.