



WOOD for GLOBE: Leading Pathways to Carbon Neutrality and Resilience

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About the Event

- Organised by FAO and IUFRO under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management of Austria
- Hosted 19 July 2024 in hybrid format at Sheikh Zayed Center, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy
- 400 participants (up to 100 on site + 300 online)
- representatives of countries, international organizations, secretariats of international initiatives, private sector and research institutions



Aim and Objectives

Aim: Scale up wood's contribution to carbon-neutral and resilient economies

Objectives:

- Review progress on sustainable wood pathways since 2022 Ministerial Call
- Explore emerging partnerships and synergies
- Identify critical needs to achieve Agenda 2030 and Paris Agreement goals

High-level segment: Call for action to support wood in the bioeconomy , Chaired by H.E. Jan Kickert, Ambassador of Austria to Italy



Main Results from Panels

Panel I: Advancing Sustainable Wood Pathways (Canada, European Wood Policy Platform, International Sustainable Forestry Coalition, FSC, PEFC, Built by Nature)

- Need to quadruple sustainable wood supply by 2050
- Crucial role of political leadership and policy frameworks
- Emerging opportunities in blended finance and partnerships
- Critical to work collaboratively and avoid competition and overlaps



Main Results from Panels

Panel II: Country Experiences (Peru, Republic of Korea, Brazil, Republic of Congo, Tanzania, New Zealand)

- Potential of Sustainable Wood Value Chains (SWVCs) for carbon neutrality and SDGs
- Challenges: negative perception of sustainable forest management, misconceptions about sustainable wood products, access to markets
- Need for wood-friendly policies and technological innovations



Main Results from Panels

Panel III: WOOD for GLOBE Key Findings (FAO and BOKU University)

- Construction sector contributes 39% of global CO2 emissions
- Sustainable wood as low-carbon solution for housing deficits, especially in Africa
- Need for clear definitions of sustainable wood and bioeconomy.
- Important to strengthen data collection and policy linkages to climate mitigation
- Opportunities in bioeconomy: increased efficiency, wider species utilization, circular production



Main Results from Panels

Panel IV: Creating the Enabling Environment (FAO, IUFRO, Finnish Forest Association, U.S. Forest Service)

- "Grow the Solution" initiative led by the Forest Communicators Networks to raise awareness about sustainable wood as nature-based solution to climate-change and resilience
- Focus on changing public perceptions globally
- Collaborative efforts for an unified global message and customized regional and local communication products and awareness raising activities



A CALL FOR ACTION

- **Outcome statement supported by:**
 - Austria, Cameroon, Gabon, Republic of Congo, Slovenia, Uganda at political level
 - Brazil, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Peru, Republic of Korea, Spain, Tanzania and Türkiye at technical level
 - as well as by Built by Nature, WoodPop, FSC, ISFC, IUFRO, PEFC and IFSA
- Presented during COFO 27 by H.E. Norbert Totschnig, Austria



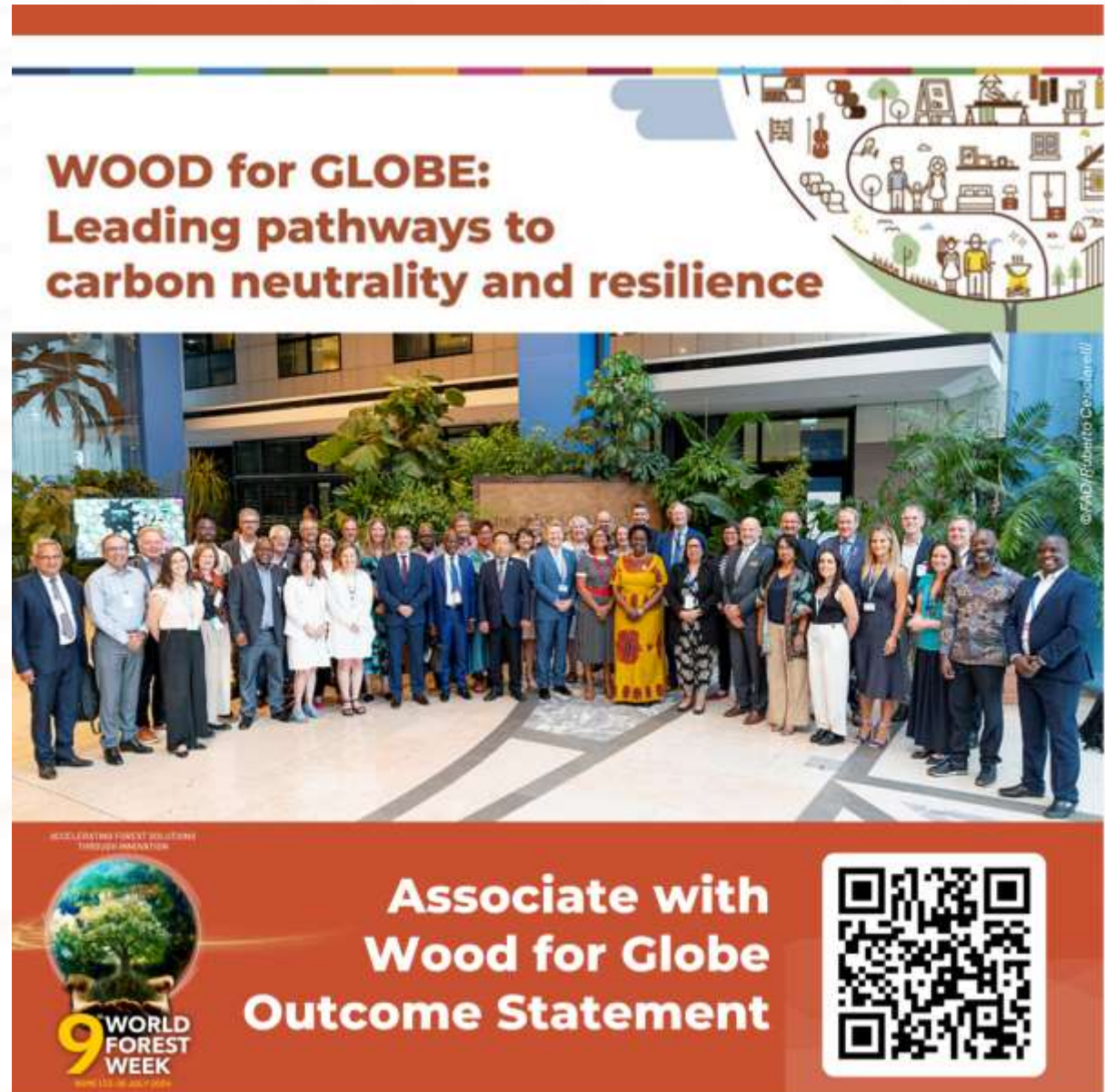
Conclusion and Next Steps

Outcome Statement available online

Invitation to associate with the Outcome Statement:


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Call to action: Mobilize resources and scale up innovation in sustainable wood sector



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