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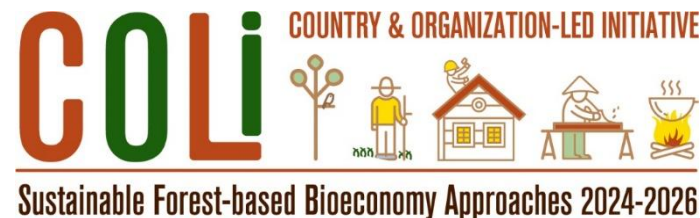
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Austria's initiatives at the global level

- **Ministerial Call on Sustainable Wood** signed by Austria, Cameroon, Gabon, Republic of Korea, Japan, and Peru in May 2022 during the FAO World Forestry Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea
- **Wood for Globe Project 2023-2024:** International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Centre for Bioeconomy at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU); funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management (BML)
- **Outcome statement “Wood for Globe: Leading Pathways to Carbon Neutrality and Resilience”,** COFO 27, World Forest Week 2024, Rome



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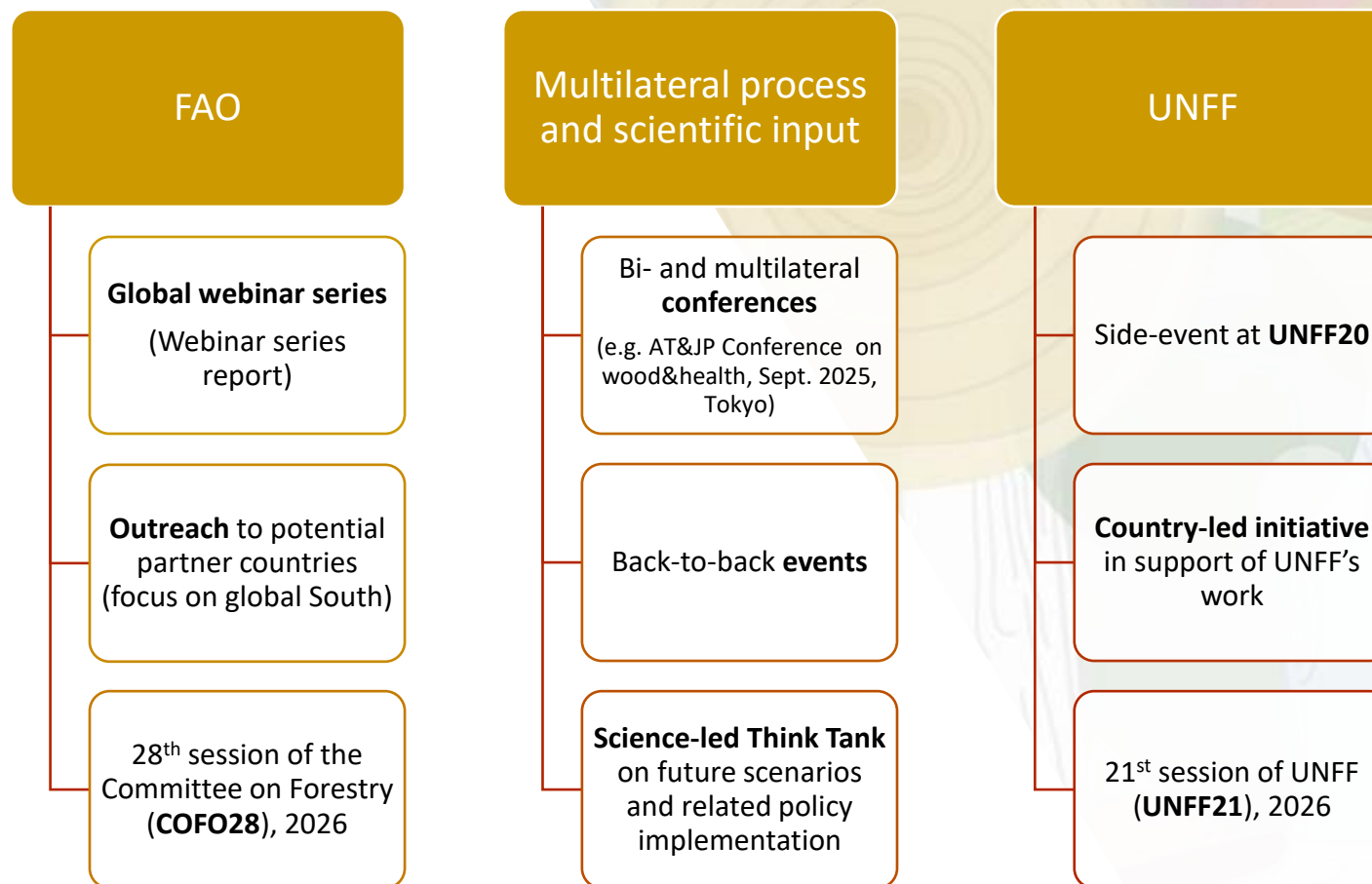
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Steering group:

Australia, Austria (Chair),
Finland, Japan, Türkiye,
FAO, IUFRO

Country & Organisation-Led Initiative on Sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches

Joint leadership of process (Steering Group, Associated partners)



COLI Summit “Global leadership on sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches” in February 2026 in Vienna, Austria



Global webinar series in 2025

- Financed by Austria and Finland, implemented by FAO, chaired by different countries
- The webinars serve as a critical platform for collaboratively shaping the future of sustainable forest-based bioeconomy efforts worldwide
- Contribute to the preparation of the COLI Summit in Vienna in February 2026

Dates	Webinar title
11 March 2025, 12:00 pm CET	“From Policy to Practice: Scaling Up Sustainable Forest-Based Bioeconomy Approaches”
29 April 2025	“Financing the Future: Unlocking Investments for a Thriving Forest-Based Bioeconomy”
24 June 2025	“From Forest to Market: Building Resilient and Sustainable Bioeconomy Supply Chains”
30 September 2025	“Accelerating inclusive agrifood systems transformation with forests, trees and wild species”
20 October 2025	“The role of wood in advancing carbon neutrality: Building for the future”
10 December 2025	“Global Bioeconomy Cooperation: Next Steps to further the Forest-based Bioeconomy”

Side event at UNFF20 in May 2025

“From Policy to Practice: Scaling Up Sustainable Forest-Based Bioeconomy Approaches”

- Tuesday, 6 May 2025, 13:15 – 14:30
- UNHQ - Conference Room 7
- Organized by Austria, Australia, Finland, Tanzania
- Programme:
 - Opening remarks by UNFF Chair
 - Regional Approaches and Views from Stakeholder Organizations on forest based bioeconomy approaches:
Africa, Europe, Oceania
International Sustainable Forestry Coalition (ISFC), International Family Forest Alliance (IFFA)

Other events:

- International conference “**Wood Vibes - health, well-being and sound**” in September 2025 in Tokyo, Japan/hybrid, back-to-back with the EXPO, to foster specific implementation of applied sustainable forest-based bioeconomy.

Examples of thematic related events (back-to-back events, side events etc.):

- International congress **WOODRise**, 22-25 September 2025 in Vancouver, Canada
- **World Conference on Timber Engineering 2025**, 22-26 June 2025 in Brisbane, Australia

COLI summit “Global Leadership on sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches”

- 23-25 February 2026 in **Vienna, Austria**
- Official announcement as “**Country Lead Initiative**” (CLI) supporting the work of UNFF; following UNFF Guidelines of CLIs
- 3 days: 2,5 days discussions & ½ day excursion
- Synergetic event, serving both **UNFF & FAO**
- Outcome document: Chair’s summary report, to be brought to the attention of UNFF21 (=political session) and COFO28
 - Highlighting pathways to tackle global demands for wood
 - Showcasing countries perspectives on forest based bioeconomy approaches
 - Summarizing scientific input to sustainable bioeconomy supply chains

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Thank you for your attention.

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