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Since its inception in 2000, the Forum has reached numerous milestones including agreement on the first United Nations Forest Instrument in 2007, establishment of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN) in 2015, and agreement on the first United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 in 2017.

The UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs provides substantive support to the Forum, prepares technical reports and analytical studies, and fosters dialogue to enhance cooperation and coordination on forest issues.

At its 13th session in 2018, the Forum requested the UNFF Secretariat to prepare background analytical studies on the contribution of forests to other Goals under review by the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in 2019, for consideration by the Forum at its fourteenth session

Accordingly, the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat commissioned three background analytical studies, in consultation with the Bureau of the fourteenth session of the Forum, taking into account the thematic priorities of the fourteenth session of the Forum.

The three studies are on: (a) Forests and climate change; (b) Forests, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and employment; and (c) Forests, peaceful and inclusive societies, reduced inequality and inclusive institutions at all levels.

The issue brief is derived from the background analytical study on Forests and Climate Change by Duncan Brack.

The full text of the study is available at https://www.un.org/esa/forests/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/UNFF14-BkgdStudy-SDG13-M49 g0.42 0.624 0.BT/F1 9.96