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FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 28)

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Context India showcased its progress in **forest and landscape restoration** at the **28th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 28)** in **Rome, Italy**.

What COFO Is

- The **highest statutory global intergovernmental body on forestry** under the **FAO**
- An international forum for **policy dialogue, intergovernmental collaboration** and technical direction on **forest ecosystems and landscape governance**
- Meets **biennially** at **FAO Headquarters, Rome**
- Brings together **128 member countries**, ministers, heads of national forest services and partner agencies
- Reports to the **FAO Council** on programme and budgetary matters, and to the **FAO Conference** on global policy

Important Facts for Exams

- **COFO 28** — Rome; COFO is the **highest FAO forestry body**, meeting **biennially**, with **128 members**
- Publishes the **State of the World's Forests (SOFO)** — biennial — and the **Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA)** — five-yearly
- **India in FRA 2025: 9th** in total forest area; **3rd** in **net annual gain**; **82.74 mn ha**, **25.17 per cent** of geographical area
- **India has 101 Ramsar Sites** — the **third-highest** globally, after the UK and Mexico, and the **most in Asia**
- **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam** — over **3.5 billion saplings** planted
- **Bonn Challenge** — launched **2011** by Germany and IUCN; target **350 million hectares** globally by 2030
- **KMGBF** — adopted at **CBD COP15, 2022**; includes the **"30x30"** target
- **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: 2021–2030**
- **FAO** — headquartered at **Rome**, founded **1945**

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