

Global Summit on “Advancing Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches”

23–25 February 2026, Vienna, Austria

Guidance Note – Closing Session

Item 9-10

1. Date & Time

Wednesday, 25 February 2026, 09:30 – 13:00, Room 10 (“Orangerie”)

2. Context

The **Co-Chairs’ Summary** is based on the background documents, the Global Webinar Series, Science Policy Briefs and the deliberations at the summit. An integral part of the Co-Chairs’ Summary is the **Vienna Call for Action**. The key messages of the Vienna Call for Action and the Co-Chairs’ Summary will be presented and discussed in the exchange of views. The CLI will be officially closed by the Co-Chairs.

3. Objectives

This session aims to:

- wrap up the discussions, findings and outcomes of the CLI
- give participants the opportunity to share their views on the main discussion points

4. Draft programme

Item 9. Draft Co-Chairs’ Summary & Vienna Call for Action	
Time	09:30-12:30 CET
Location	Room 10 “Orangerie”
Co-Chairs	<i>Georg Rappold (AT)</i> <i>Pumeza Nodada (ZA)</i>
Moderator	<i>Tiina Ryttilä-Broere (FIN)</i>
Discussion & Exchange	Vienna Call for Action <i>for a sustainable forest-based bioeconomy</i>
	<i>Exchange of views</i>
	<i>Conclusion by Co-Chairs</i>
Coffee Break (11:00-11:30 CET)	



Discussion & Exchange	Co-Chairs' Summary <i>Global Summit on "Advancing Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches"</i>
	<i>Exchange of views</i>
	<i>Conclusion by Co-Chairs</i>

Item 10. Closing Remarks	
Time	12:30-13:00 CET
Location	Room 10 "Orangerie"
Co-Chairs	<i>Georg Rappold (AT)</i> <i>Pumeza Nodada (ZA)</i>
Moderator	<i>Tiina Rytälä-Broere (FIN)</i>
Closing remarks	Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo Director of Secretariat United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFFS)
	Kaveh Zahedi Assistant Director-General and Director of the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
	Michael Losch European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development
	Pumeza Nodada Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Republic of South Africa
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