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Comments on item 4. from Japan

- Japan appreciates FAO's dedicated work for the State of the world Forests or SOFO2024. We take note of the five enabling actions that can encourage innovation to optimize forest-based solutions to global challenges.
  (1) raise awareness; (2) boost innovation skills, capabilities and knowledge; (3) encourage transformational partnerships; (4) ensure more and universally accessible finance for innovation; and (5) provide an incentivizing policy and regulatory environment.
- Japan is promoting innovation in forestry through
  -establish a platform that brings together necessary information such as organizations, human resources.
  -develop automated and remote-controlled forestry machinery,
  -develop new wood-based materials,
  -promote the digitalization of forest resource information, and
  -improve efficiency in production management by using ICT.
- Therefore, we support suggested action for knowledge exchange and policy dialogue to enhance and apply forest-sector innovations in supporting forest conservation, restoration and sustainable use. And we are going to participate in such opportunities positively.
- Japan  highlights the importance of "assisting efforts to halt deforestation and maintain forests" and "sustainably use forests and build green value chains" by innovations, which was demonstrated through 18 case studies in SOFO2024 .
- Japan have recognized halting deforestation and forest degradation remains a critical issue and continue to contribute to this through our funded project, and also proactively share the knowledge and experiences gained from the project and our efforts.

*Japan funded project, FAO-REDD+ team has been developing a "solution tree" designed to facilitate governments' access to solutions for addressing the root causes of deforestation and forest degradation.