

MEMBERS' BULLETIN

Welcome to the third edition of the FSC Members' Bulletin – your update on all things GA 2025.

100 DAYS TO GO!

As we count down to this pivotal moment for FSC, now is the time to get engaged. Whether you're preparing to join us in Panama or planning to participate from afar, here are **five impactful ways you can get involved before October:**

Read the Motions

The motions submitted by FSC members form the backbone of the GA's decision-making process. These proposals are how members shape FSC's policies, systems, and strategic direction. Why it matters? Every vote counts. Knowing about the motions in advance helps you make informed decisions and take a position on the issues that matter most to you and your chamber.

[Visit the Motions Platform](#)

Join 'Motions in Motion' Sessions

The Motions in Motion sessions explore selected motions in depth—packed with debate, diverse perspectives, and the chance to hear directly from motion proposers. Present your questions, clarify doubts, and gain a holistic understanding of the issues before the GA.

[Visit the events page](#)

Register Now for GA

Don't wait—register for the FSC General Assembly and, if you are planning to attend in person, now is the time to start organizing your visit to beautiful Panama. From visas to accommodation and tips on what to expect, for everything you need, visit the 'Join us in Panama' page on the GA website.

[Visit the GA website](#)

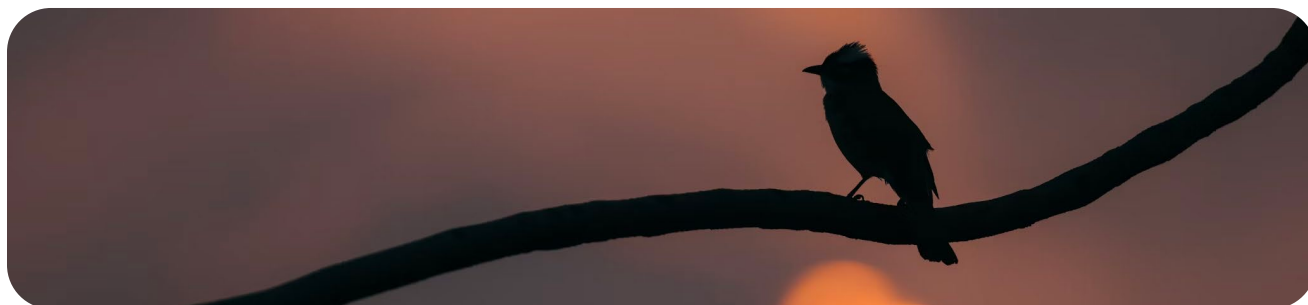
Assign a Proxy if You Cannot Vote

If you are unable to take part in the voting process, assign a proxy to vote on your behalf and make sure your voice is represented.

[Visit the Proxy page](#)

Promote the GA

Support us in building momentum! Use your networks to spread the word—among fellow members, certificate holders, colleagues, and others working in the forest sectors. Share updates, encourage registration, and invite wider participation in shaping the future of forests.



Early Bird Registration Extended – Until 31 July!

There's still time to take advantage of the early bird rate! Register by 31 July to secure your spot at a reduced fee.

Why register for the GA?

- Shape the future of FSC through motion discussions and voting
- Engage directly with members, staff, and stakeholders from around the world
- Gain insights from plenaries, side events, and thematic sessions
- Build your network across sectors in the global forest and sustainability community

How to Register as an FSC International Member

You can complete your registration for GA 2025 in just a few simple steps:

1. Visit GA 2025 website

<https://ga.fsc.org> and click on "Register".

2. Select your registration category

Choose "International Members & OneFSC Global" to begin.

3. Log in using your Members Portal credentials. You will be prompted to log in with your existing Members Portal account. Please note: If you do not have one yet, you will be redirected to create it.

4. Complete your registration form

Fill in your participation details – including in-person or virtual attendance, dietary preferences, and consent for use of photo/video/audio.

5. Choose your payment method and apply promo code (if applicable)

Select your preferred payment method: PayPal, debit/credit card, or direct bank transfer. If you received a confirmation of financial support and have a promo code, you can enter it here to apply your discount.

6. Receive confirmation

If you pay by PayPal or card, you will receive your confirmation email immediately, including your registration ID.

If you select bank transfer, you will first receive an acknowledgement email, and your registration will be confirmed within 10 business days of the payment. If you encounter any issues, please contact connect@fsc.org for support.

[Register now](#)



Can't Travel to Panama? Consider Virtual Participation

If you're unable to attend the FSC General Assembly 2025 in person, virtual registration is a great way to stay engaged and make your voice heard.

As a virtual participant, you can:

- Follow live Motion Discussions and key sessions from anywhere
- Access real-time interpretation in English, Spanish, and French
- Engage online with other members and stakeholders
- Vote on motions, just like in-person member attendees

To register as a virtual participant, simply select “**Virtual**” during the registration process. The fee for virtual participation is different from in-person attendance— To view the applicable fees, [visit this page](#).



Ensure your voice is heard: Assign a Proxy

The FSC General Assembly values inclusive and democratic decision-making. As an FSC International member, if you are unable to attend the GA in-person or virtually, or unable to vote on motions, you can still have your voice heard by assigning a proxy to vote on your behalf. A proxy is another FSC member who is authorized to vote in your place at the GA. This ensures that your vote counts and your voice is represented in key decisions affecting our global forest stewardship system.

Visit the [Proxies page](#) to assign a proxy and understand the full process, including who can serve as a proxy and what steps are required. Remember: **Only members in good standing can be assigned as a proxy or assign a proxy to someone.**

For questions or support, contact us at membership@fsc.org



Assign Proxy



How to Register Non-Designated Representatives

Is your organization planning to send additional colleagues to the FSC General Assembly 2025?

As a **designated representative**, you can assign up to **five non-designated representatives** from your organization via the **FSC Members Portal**—and enable them to register for the GA as members.

Here's how:

1. Log in to the FSC Members Portal.
2. Under your profile, select “Manage Users.”
3. Click “Add new user” and enter the required details.
4. You can assign up to five representatives.
5. Once added, they will receive an activation email with login credentials.
6. After activating their accounts, they can proceed to register for the GA via the GA website.

You can also modify or remove users using the “Edit user” or “Remove user” options.

For any support, please contact the FSC Membership

Team: membership@fsc.org



Key GA resources for members

As we move closer to the GA, members are encouraged to refer to two essential documents available on the FSC Members' Portal:

Road Towards the GA 2025 – A guidance document outlining the motion process, key milestones, and tips for meaningful engagement.

Rules of Procedure – The official rules governing how the GA will be conducted, including voting, participation, and decision-making protocols.

[Read the documents](#)



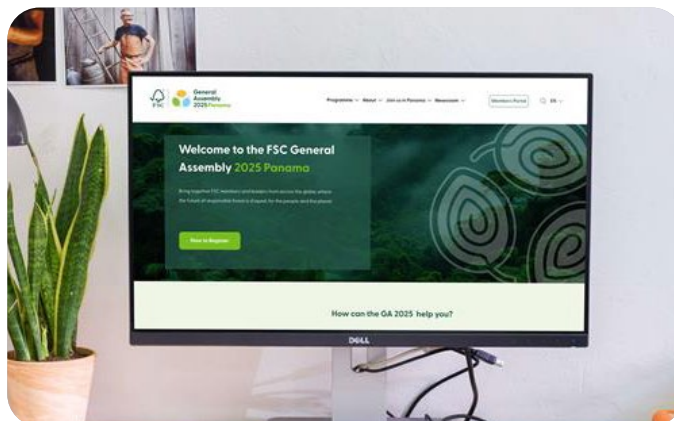


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Stay Updated: Visit the GA Website

The FSC GA 2025 website is your go-to hub for all the latest news, important dates, and detailed information about the General Assembly. Make sure to **bookmark the site** and check back regularly so you don't miss any updates!

[Visit GA Website](https://ga.fsc.org)



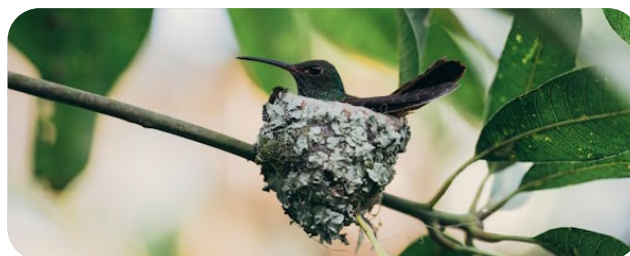
Travel and Visa Information

If you plan to attend the FSC General Assembly in Panama, please review the latest travel and visa requirements carefully. Visit the [Visa Info page](#) for detailed instructions on obtaining your visa. For travel tips and options on reaching Panama, see [How to Reach Panama](#).



Book your stay before its too late

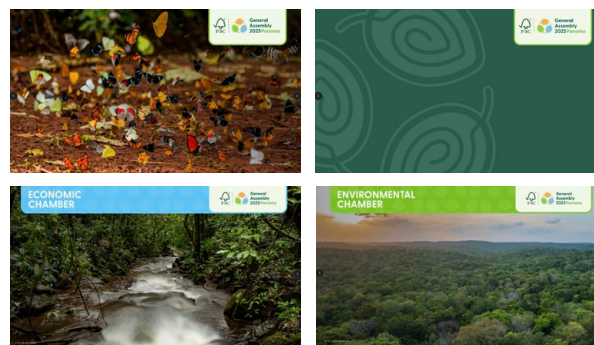
A limited number of hotel rooms are available at special discounted rates. We encourage you to book early to secure your accommodation before rooms fill up. Visit the GA website for [booking details](#).



Frame the Forest: GA Virtual Backgrounds Are Here!

Bring the FSC General Assembly spirit to your online meetings! GA 2025 virtual backgrounds are now available on the website for anyone to download and use. Choose from general promotional backgrounds to help spread the word, or chamber-specific designs to proudly show what you represent. Perfect for Zoom, Teams, or any virtual event—let's build visibility and excitement in the lead-up to October!

[Download Backgrounds](#)





Motion Promotion Toolkit Now Available for Proposers

Are you one of the members who submitted a motion for the FSC General Assembly 2025? We're excited to announce that the Motion Promotion Toolkit is now available to support you in sharing and promoting your motion

effectively across the FSC community. The toolkit includes three key resources designed to help you communicate your motion clearly, engage members, and build momentum ahead of the Assembly.



1

Host your own self-organised discussion session on Zoom (we'll help you set it up)



2

Promote your motion through a visual e-poster to be shared on the Motions Platform and in the Members' Bulletin



3

Access support from the Motions Committee to help provide quality checks and improve clarity of your motion

[Download the Toolkit](#)

Why Motions Matter: A Quick Refresher

At the FSC General Assembly, motions are the heart of decision-making. They allow **FSC international members** to propose changes, improvements, and new directions for the entire FSC system.

By participating in the General Assembly and voting on motions, members exercise their fundamental rights to shape FSC's policies, governance, and future. Every motion reflects the collective voice and priorities of the FSC community—making your involvement crucial.

Whether you're attending in person, voting virtually, or assigning a proxy, understanding and engaging with the motions empowers you to contribute meaningfully to the FSC's path forward.

Stay informed, get involved, and help drive the change you want to see in global forest stewardship.



[Read submitted Motions for GA 2025](#)

MOTION E-POSTER



General
Assembly
2025 Panama

Motion Number

47/2025

Motion Title

Promote FSC certification and ecosystem services verification as relevant climate change investment tools by widening the landscape approach to encompass diverse woodland ecosystems.

Link to the Motion

https://members.fsc.org/en/about-motions/motions-platform-2025?check_logged_in=1

Name of Proposer/Seconder

Dr.Alan Smith; Seconders: Mike Bekin, Dr.T.R. Manoharan.

What is the motion about?

FSC is broader than a timber certification scheme.It has to be much more active and extend its reach to all wooded landscapes. In this way FSC will show its real potential to deliver on climate mitigation & adaptation across all woodlands. How to do this? The suggested pathways are:

- to scale up its climate marketing and advocacy activities,
- to facilitate Verified Impact claims with a simplified SLIMFs and a user friendly tool kit,

Why does this matter?

If FSC does not follow the Global Strategic objective to Grow its Reach to cover the biodiversity of woodlands, it will lose out over time to competing certification schemes.This would be a loss not only to FSC but to those businesses and organisations who have invested so much in making FSC the forest management Gold Standard over the last 30 years. More than that, it would undermine the environmental and social principles that FSC has developed for the benefit of sustaining forests worldwide. The climate crisis is the ultimate challenge for FSC. Unless FSC develops its role as an effective climate change tool across the broad spectrum of woodlands, it will lose credibility.This is more than just missing out on market opportunities, it could end up as an existential threat to FSC as a recognised global system and leave it as a niche certification option.

Next meeting on this Motion

Date

No meeting planned as yet

Time

Link

Contact Motion Proposer for feedback (e-mail)

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Upcoming Engagements

17 July, 2025	Motions in Motion - Global Membership Meeting	(AM session) 09:00 - 11:00 CET Register here	(PM session) 16:00 - 18:00 CET Register here
31 July, 2025	Launch of Electronic Ballot for the Statutory Requirements	(AM session) 09:00 - 10:30 CET Register here	(PM session) 16:00 - 17:30 CET Register here
12 August, 2025	Motions in Motion - Global Membership Meeting	(AM session) 09:00 - 11:00 CET Register here	-
14 August, 2025	Motions in Motion - Global Membership Meeting	-	(PM session) 16:00 - 18:00 CET Register here
26 August, 2025	Economic Chamber Meeting	(AM session) 09:00 - 11:00 CET*	(PM session) 16:00 - 18:00 CET*
27 August, 2025	Environmental Chamber Meeting	(AM session) 09:00 - 11:00 CET*	(PM session) 16:00 - 18:00 CET*
28 August, 2025	Social Chamber Meeting	(AM session) 09:00 - 11:00 CET*	(PM session) 16:00 - 18:00 CET*
11 Sept, 2025	Motions in Motion - Global Membership Meeting	(AM session) 09:00 - 11:00 CET Register here	(PM session) 16:00 - 18:00 CET Register here
24 Sept, 2025	Delivering EUDR: FSC & Collective Actions for a Deforestation-Free Future	-	13:00 - 14:30 CET Register here
09 Oct, 2025	Overview of the Motions Discussion - Global Membership	(AM session) 09:00 - 11:00 CET Register here	(PM session) 16:00 - 18:00 CET Register here

*To know about registration details of chamber meetings, please check your inbox





FSC Board of Directors meets in Poland

The FSC Board of Directors held its 102nd meeting in Warsaw, Poland from 9–12 June 2025 to discuss the future of certification and sustainable forest management, and to engage with various stakeholders from across Central Europe. The Director General of FSC International Subhra Bhattacharjee, as well as other FSC staff, supported these discussions. [Read the summary](#) or refer to the [decision record](#) in the Member's Portal.



FSC stands with the EU Green Claims Directive

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) reaffirms its support for the Green Claims Directive (GCD) and the Empowering Consumers Directive (ECD) and welcomes the European Commission's recent decision not to withdraw the GCD proposal. These legislations are critical in the fight against greenwashing and ensuring that consumers have access to accurate, reliable, and verifiable information.

[Read more](#)

Apply for working groups to develop procedures for carbon credits and biodiversity credits

The conceptual phase of Motion 49/2021, "FSC Ecosystem Services Procedure as a mitigation mechanism to meet global market demand for net-zero and net-positive targets," now is complete and concludes into developing two FSC normative procedures for the further implementation of Motion 49. FSC will establish two separate working groups (WGs) to develop:

- A procedure for high-quality carbon credits.
- A procedure for biodiversity credits.

Applications are open until **23 July 2025**.

[Read more](#)

System Integrity Updates

FSC Statement on Greenpeace report 'Under the Eagle's Shadow' [Read More](#)

FSC's commitment to protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation [Read More](#)

Collaborating for credibility: Highlights from the FSC–ASI calibration workshop with certification bodies in China [Read More](#)

New investigation into certified takeaway food container supply chains [Read More](#)

Implementing the Remedy Framework – Addressing challenges one step at a time [Read More](#)

Second consultation on FSC's revised complaints and appeals procedure [Read More](#)

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