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XV World Forestry Congress

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17 November 2021 - 19 November 2021 – Location: Virtual

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Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests

2-6 MAY 2022

Coex, Seoul, Republic of Korea



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Programme focus

Building a green, healthy and resilient future with forests

Contribution of forests to inclusive and sustainable national and global development and rebuilding efforts following the pandemic

Recognizing the role of forests in the achievement of internationally agreed global goals – 2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement, Biodiversity and Restoration targets, Glasgow Climate Pact

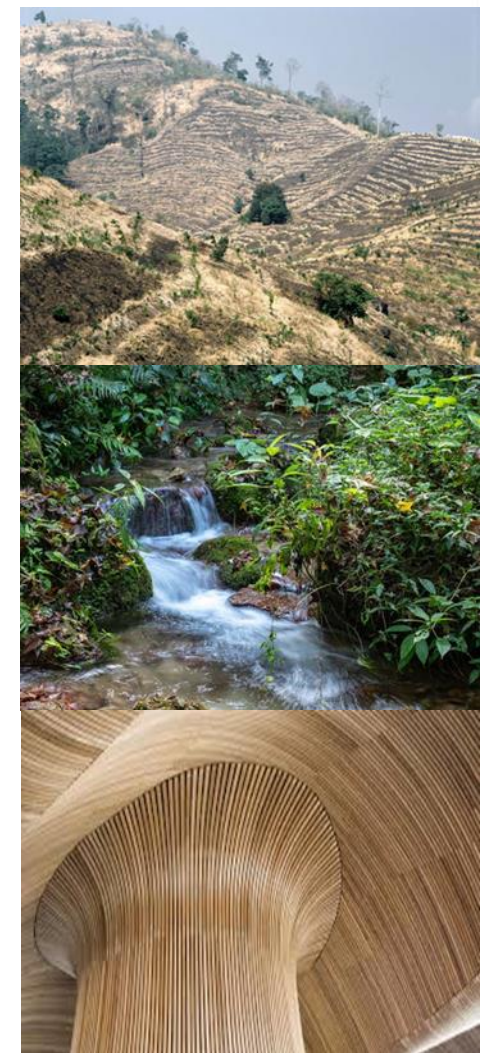
Proposing innovative solutions for forest-specific challenges including financing

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XV WFC Sub-themes

1. Turning the tide: reversing deforestation and forest degradation
2. Nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation and biodiversity conservation
3. The green pathway to growth and sustainability
4. Forests and human health: revisiting the connections
5. Managing and communicating forest information and knowledge
6. Forests without boundaries: enhancing management and cooperation

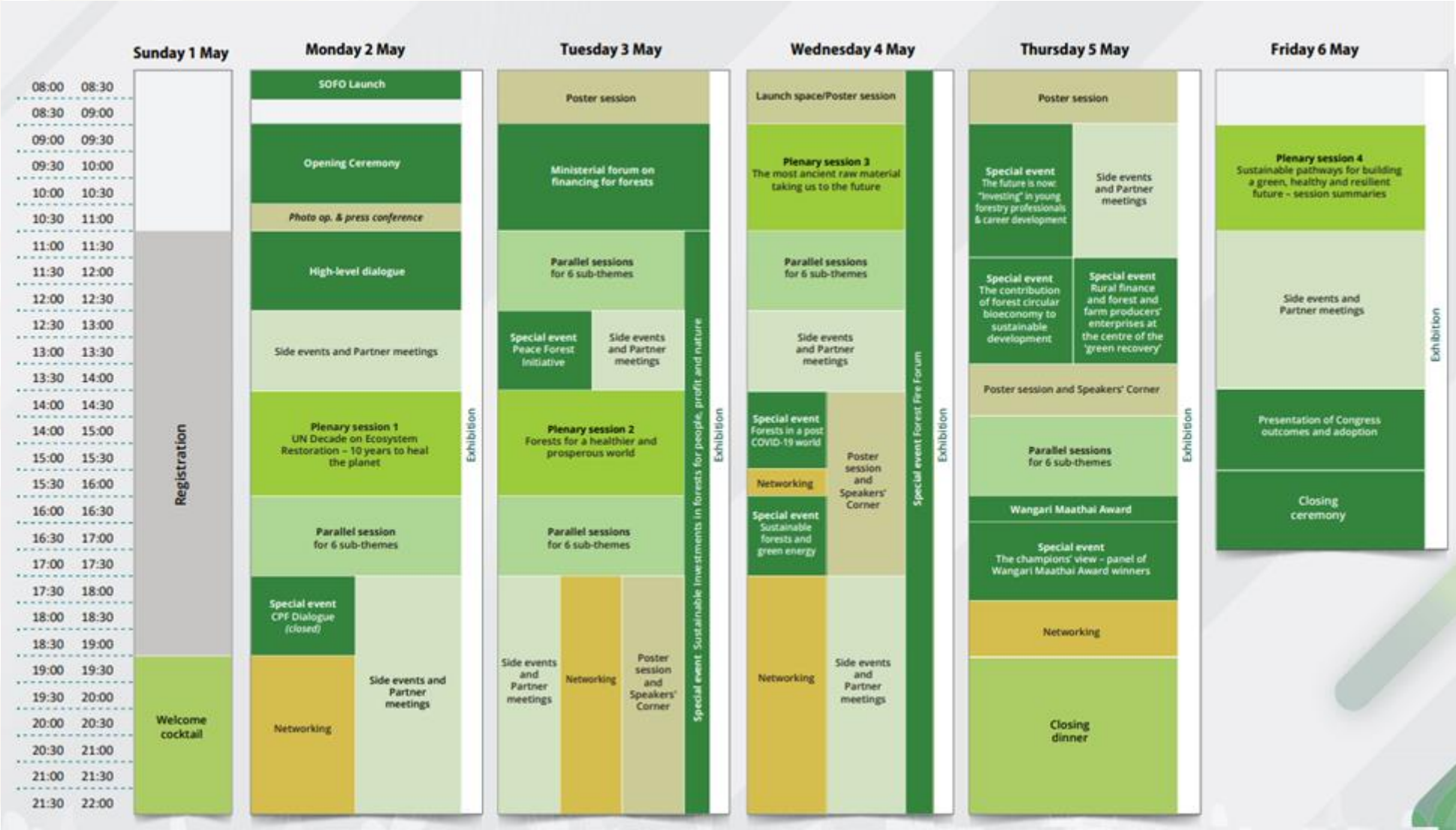


Programme features

- **5 parallel technical sessions for 6 sub-theme discussions**
- **4 plenary sessions** [*incl. ecosystem restoration, forest and health, forest products*]
- **15 special events** [*incl. high-level fora, sustainable investments, rural finance, forest fire, circular bioeconomy, green energy*]
- **> 150 accepted side events**
- **Additional features** [*posters, speaker's corner, networking, exhibition, field trip*]



Schedule of the week

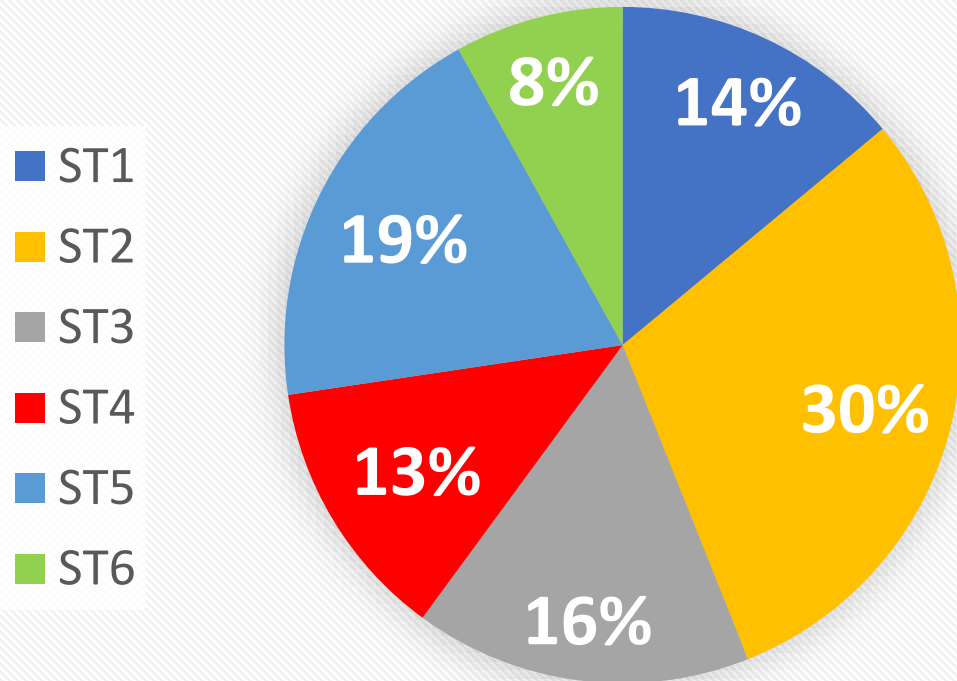


Voluntary contributions

- Calls for abstracts were announced in 2020 and 2021 for papers, posters and videos.
- 2 000+ abstracts and videos were submitted and reviewed by forestry experts.
- 1 400+ abstracts passed the abstract screening to submit full complete versions of papers or posters.
- Full submissions and videos are currently under review.
- Speakers will be selected from accepted contributions.

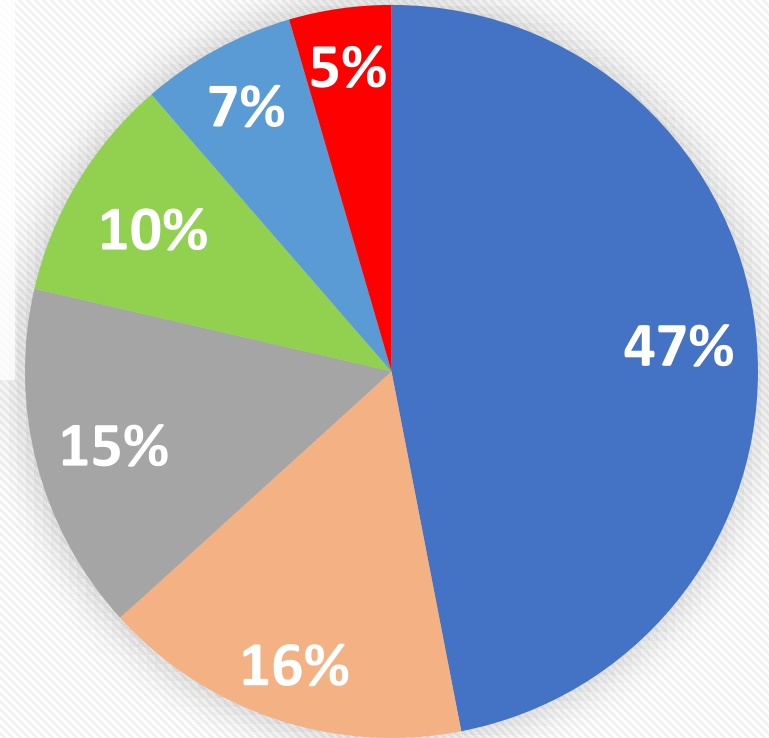
Submissions

Sub-theme selection



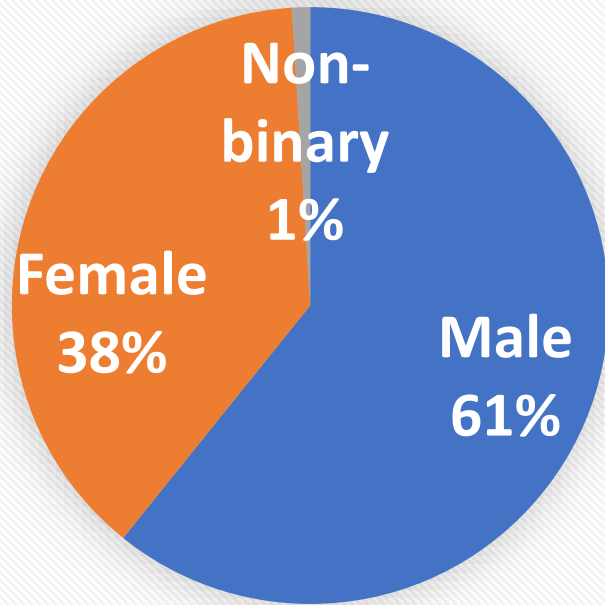
Geographical coverage of work

- Asia and the Pacific
- Africa
- Latin America & Caribbean
- Europe
- North America
- Near East

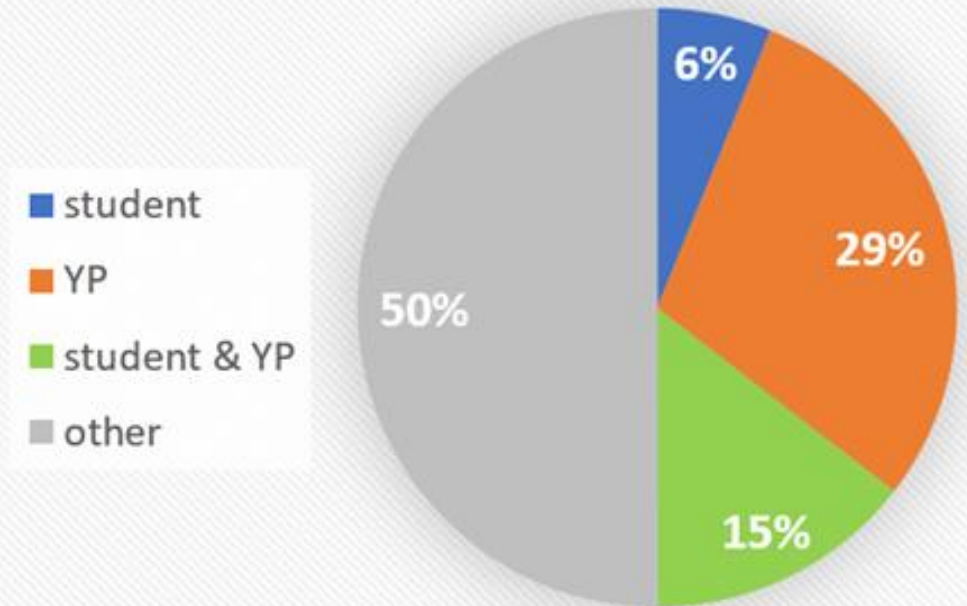


Submissions

Gender



Categories of main authors



Voluntary contributions – Papers, posters and videos

Actions	Dates
Notification of video review results	29 November 2021
Review of full papers/ posters	15 November 2021 – 7 January 2022
Selection of papers and posters for presentation at the Congress	1 January – 15 January 2022
Notification of papers/ posters review results	15 January 2022
Confirmation of participation ready by authors	15 January – 17 February 2022

Outreach

WFC VIDEO TRAILER



#WFC2021Korea
XV World Forestry Congress - Trailer

- Time Square
- Arirang
- CNN/BBC

COMPETITIONS / CAMPAIGNS



WORLD FOREST VOICES BLOG

Recent blogs



WFC contributions from youth and young professionals: papers, posters, and videos

Thank you to everyone who submitted abstracts for papers or posters and videos for the World Forestry Congress! Following the closure of calls for contributions and kickstarting of reviewing, the contributions to the XV World...



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INFORMATION WEBINARS



Call for abstracts

- Call for abstracts online
- Papers, posters and videos
- Must be relevant to theme & at least one of the six sub-themes
- Guidance and submission details <http://wfc2021korea.org/sub02/abstract.html>

Important dates

Deadline - papers & posters	31 August 2020
Deadline - Videos	5 October 2020
Notification of abstract acceptance	9 October 2020
Submission of full papers/posters	27 November 2020
Notification of video acceptance	27 November 2020



Youth engagement

- Led by Youth Outreach Liaison Consultant, together with **WFC youth partners**
- **Regional youth consultations** for WFC youth declaration, January – March 2022 (led by UNFF/MGCY)
- Empowering Youth and Young Professionals **Webinar Series**, June 2021 – May 2022
- WFC Green Mentor Program launched – over **450** applications from youth, **still looking for Mentors!** Deadline extended for Mentors to 19 November. Link here -> **bit.ly/PLTCWFC**



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4 stories with 36 007 m² of space

12 separate spaces can be partitioned

Convention hall
(up to 5,000 people with COVID-19 precautions)

55 meeting rooms can be facilitated

Grand ballroom, Atrium, Exhibition hall, Conference room, Office, VIP Lounge, Media center and so on

Current plans are focusing on a physical event

Points for consideration

The Commission may wish to:

- **Identify** key areas and messages for the WFC outcomes
- **Recommend** ways and means to collaborate with relevant global processes and instruments and to create synergies including implementing the WFC's outcomes
- **Invite** countries to support the XV World Forestry Congress by encouraging and facilitating good attendance, and encourage countries to provide financial support to the Congress

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