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Forthcoming FAO events

January 2011

[Ninth Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests \(UNFF9\) – International Year of Forests \(IYF 2011\)](#)
United Nations Headquarters - New York, USA - 24 January–04 February, 2011

March 2011

[Symposium on Ecosystem and Landscape-Level Approaches to Sustainability](#)
Burgos, Spain – 22-24 March 2011

April

[II Mediterranean Forest Week](#)
Avignon, France - 05-08 April 2011

May 2011

[ANZIF 2011 Conference "Pacific Forestry – Growing a Forestry Future"](#)
Sky City, Auckland, New Zealand - 02-05 May 2011

[Planted Teak Forests: a Globally Emerging Forest Resource](#)
Guanacaste, Costa Rica - 02-06 May 2011

Other forest-related events

February

[RRI Dialogue on Forests, Governance & Climate Change](#)
London, United Kingdom - 8 February 2011

April

[Forestry Leaders Summit: Building Partnerships in International Forestry Education and Research](#)
Vancouver, Canada - 27-29 April, 2011

November

[25th International Congress for Conservation Biology \(ICCB 2011\)](#)

Christchurch, New Zealand - 28 November - 2 December 2011

FAO in the news

[EDUARDO ROJAS-BRIALES, CHAIR OF THE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP ON FORESTS](#)

The Food and Agriculture Organization recently published the Global Forest Resource Assessment. Could you briefly tell us what is the picture of forests at the global level emerging from this important study?

[Por el bien de los bosques](#)

Actualmente, los bosques ocupan el 31 por ciento de la superficie total de la tierra, poco más de cuatro mil millones de hectareas, según la Evaluación de los recursos forestales mundiales 2010 realizada por la FAO.

[United Nations Forest Forum to Consider Ways to Improve Livelihoods, Reduce Poverty in Forest Areas, 24 January-4 February](#)

Strategies that can help the world's forests to promote social development, livelihoods and poverty eradication will be the focus of the United Nations Forum on Forests, which will meet from 24 January to 4 February.

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International Year of Forests

[Año Internacional de los Bosques](#)

Durante el 2011 los bosques tendrán su propio año internacional, de acuerdo con la fecha aprobada por la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas con el ánimo de crear conciencia sobre los beneficios económicos, socioculturales y ambientales que proporcionan los bosques.

[CCOO demanda mayor atención sobre los bosques](#)

La Secretaría de Medio Ambiente de la Federación de Servicios a la Ciudadanía (FSC) de CCOO reclama, en el Año Internacional de los Bosques, una mayor y mejor gestión forestal de los mismos para reforzar su papel económico, de creación de empleo y de protección de la biodiversidad.

[Comienza en ONU foro sobre los bosques](#)

Acabado de iniciar el Año Internacional de los Bosques, Naciones Unidas inaugura hoy un foro de dos semanas de duración sobre ese componente del medio ambiente. La cita, la novena de su tipo, es organizada por el Consejo Económico y Social de la ONU y contará con un segmento de alto nivel los días 2 y 3 de febrero.

[En 2011, l'ONU se soucie de son poumon vert](#)

L'année internationale va sensibiliser sur la vulnérabilité des forêts primaires.

[2011: AÑO INTERNACIONAL DE LOS BOSQUES](#)

CITES espera este año primeros frutos de los compromisos de 2010 para conservar los árboles

[El encinar cantábrico abre el programa '12 meses, 12 bosques' en Urdaibai](#)

El Centro de la Biodiversidad de Euskadi, ubicado en la Torre Madariaga de Busturia, ha organizado a lo largo de 2011 diversas actividades y talleres con motivo de la celebración del 'Año Internacional de los Bosques'. La iniciativa denominada '12 meses, 12 bosques' pretende que los ciudadanos «tomen mayor conciencia» de que las especies arbóreas son parte del desarrollo sostenible del planeta.

[Los bosques, parte integral de la sostenibilidad](#)

Si piensas con un año de adelanto, siembra una semilla. Si piensas con diez años de adelanto, planta un árbol". Esta es la frase de un antiguo poeta chino ahora recuperada por Naciones Unidas en el Año Internacional de los Bosques.

[Forests worldwide: a primer](#)

Last year, 2010, was the United Nations Year of Biological Diversity, and since forests — including boreal, temperate and tropical — are home to as much as 90 percent of terrestrial biodiversity, it is fitting that they get special attention: 2011 has been declared the U.N. International Year of Forests.

[Repères. Forêts primaires](#)

'L'air que nous respirons, l'alimentation, l'eau et les médicaments dont nous avons besoin pour survivre, la diversité de la vie sur la planète, le climat... Tout cela dépend des forêts. 2011 doit être l'année où le monde reconnaît l'importance vitale pour la vie de garder en bonne santé les forêts.'

[South Cotabato launches "Year of the Forest"](#)

Provincial Environment and Management Officer Ramon Ponce de Leon, said the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, together with non-government organizations and other partners will launch the year-long celebration with a press forum and a tree planting activity.

[Una plegaria global por todos los bosques](#)

La ONU declaró el 2011 como el Año Internacional de los Bosques.

Africa

[Region to Host International Climate Conference](#)

Talks will continue throughout the year with the objective of finalizing a global accord at the 17th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 17) to be held in Durban, South Africa in November.

Cameroon

[Forest Management - ANAFOR Advocates Creation of Forest Plantation Programme](#)

Board members of the National Forestry Development Agency (ANAFOR) have called on the powers that be to effectively put in place a national programme for the development of forests plantations so as to enable it (ANAFOR) ably play the role for which it was created. The absence of such a programme, they say, reduces the scope of the agency to simply advising and supporting the private sector and communities in forest regeneration and environmental production.

Democratic Republic of Congo

[Global Response Needed to Save Congo's Natural Heritage](#)

A rescue plan for the five DRC sites inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger has been the focus of recent high level meeting organized by the Congolese authorities and UNESCO.

Cuba

[El bosque tiene en el incendio a uno de sus peores enemigos](#)

La sequía no solo reduce la disponibilidad de agua para el consumo de la población, sino también, crea las condiciones para que se produzcan incendios forestales, cuya ocurrencia provoca serias afectaciones al patrimonio forestal –los propios bosques naturales y sus cubiertas, y las plantaciones, al tiempo que motiva la deforestación-, además de la emisión de gases a la atmósfera, dióxido y monóxido de carbono, hidrocarburos y partículas.

Gambia

[Farmers Trained on Converting Weeds Into Charcoal](#)

DPS Kuyateh also revealed that the forests have been seriously degraded during the past century due to large scale of destruction. The regional governor, Alhaji Ganyie Touray, said that the project is important because it was set up to convert invasive aquatic weeds to charcoal. He challenged participants to take up the training seriously and to train others.

[Let's Prevent Bushfires](#)

We are now in the dry season, a time characterised by dusty and hot North West Monsoon winds commonly known as harmattan. The season is also associated with bushfires across the country, a menace that robs the country of huge economic and basic natural life sustaining assets.

[Campaign Against Bushfire Ends in WCR](#)

The week-long sensitisation of the people of West Coast Region on the dangers of bushfire, organised by the Forestry department, in collaboration with the Kamforra Association, The Gambia Fire and Rescue Service and the St Joseph's Farm in Bwiam, on Wednesday came to an end after the campaign delegation visited the villages of Nyofelleh and Bato-Kunku in Kombo South District, West Coast Region.

India

['Declare mangroves protected forests'](#)

Is it a case of fence eating the crop? Green activists say the government is the biggest culprit for the depletion of mangrove forests in India. The forest department has little manpower to spare for protecting mangroves and where campaigns have been successful, public support has played a crucial role.

Indonesia

[Forest Summit Seeks "People-Friendly" Solutions](#)

Earlier this month, on a hot and humid day in the Jambi province of Indonesia, a group of local farmers was critically injured after being shot as they attempted to harvest fruit on a contested palm plantation.

[REDD-plus goes beyond the 'Norway deal': United Nations](#)

Indonesia is reportedly ready to implement the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD-plus) as part of a post-2012 climate deal. The UN has allocated US\$5.6 million for its REDD program in Indonesia, of which US\$3.75 million is managed by the UN-REDD Program Indonesia with the assistance of three UN agencies: FAO, UNEP and UNDP. To explore the progress of the

initiative, *The Jakarta Post* recently talked to El-Mostafa Benlamlih, resident coordinator of the United Nations program in Indonesia. Below are the excerpts

[UN-REDD lauds C. Sulawesi's active support for forests](#)

Central Sulawesi, which has been chosen as a pilot project for the United Nations REDD plus program, has been very active in ensuring the success of the forest-protection program, a UN official says.

Kenya

[Drought Exerts Pressure On Crop Insurance Costs](#)

"The frequency of drought is bound to affect the weather index as we have to constantly update our data in calculating the index," said Kenneth Kimani, the CIC Insurance general manager.

[The Unexploited Herbal Pharmacy](#)

In the first ever hard evidence of the extent of the country's potential in herbal medicine, researchers have publicly given a scientific backing that Kenyan herbalists have not just been groping in the dark.

Mozambique

[Russia Interested in Importing Timber](#)

The Russian proposal is to set up a partnership with Mozambican businesses to exploit the country's forestry resources, particularly its precious hardwoods (such as ironwood, panga-panga, umbila, and pau-preto).

Nigeria

[Towards Sustaining Better Environment in Ondo \(1\)](#)

Among states in southwest Nigeria, Ondo stands out. It is not just the government's attitude to tackle the menace by taking steps to plant trees that is commendable, but even the youth and children in the state are kept abreast on happenings in climate and environmental challenges in their immediate environments. Only recently some students were trained as climate change ambassadors and peer educators.

[Cross Rivers Well Positioned for REDD, Says Imoke](#)

Governor Liyel Imoke of Cross Rivers State who attended the recently-held United Nations Climate Change Conference in Cancun, Mexico told delegates of the state's positioning and preparedness to benefit from Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) phenomenon.

Peru

[Gold rush in the Amazon](#)

A 21st-century gold rush has brought lawlessness and destruction to the once pristine Madre de Dios region of Peruvian rainforest

Sierra Leone

[New business hope for Sierra Leone's war children](#)

A settlement of earthen brick buildings, it is surrounded entirely by palm forests and is at least a two-hour drive - over almost impassable roads - from the district capital.

Rwanda

[Forest Conservation Calls for Carrot and Stick](#)

For years, the various campaigns for sustainable use of forests just passed Pascal Segatashya by. But Rwanda's ambitious Forest Conservation Project eventually found him - and it has transformed his life and livelihood.

[Land Use Master Plan Will Boost Productivity- Kamanzi](#)

"We studied various parts of the country to establish the nature of land in those areas and the possible economic activities that would be sustained, in the future, there won't be any more unplanned activities that contravene the master plan," said the minister.

Somalia

[Charcoal Trade Booming Despite Ban](#)

Although the export of charcoal has been banned by Somalia's Transitional Federal Government (TFG), the trade is booming in areas controlled by Islamist opposition groups, with locals saying volumes have risen sharply in past months.

[Galmudug State Warns Against Cutting Plants](#)

Mohammed Ahmed Alin, the president of Galmudug state, a self designated administration in southern town of Galka'yo, the regional capital of Mudug, on Saturday repeated warning people in central regions of Somalia against cutting plants and trees.

Spain

[Fernández-Caballero \(FSC\):"Las talas ilegales no son un problema lejano"](#)

Las administraciones públicas consumen el 18% de la madera y papel que se registra en España y ante estos datos la directora Ejecutiva de FSC en funciones, María José Fernández-Caballero, no puede por menos que hacerles un llamamiento para que este consumo sea responsable.

[Andalucía fomentará los cultivos forestales energéticos para complementar la biomasa andaluza](#)

La Consejería de Medio Ambiente de la Junta de Andalucía trabaja para asegurar un suministro estable al mercado energético durante todo el año con la biomasa natural que procede de la masa forestal andaluza, apostando por potenciar los cultivos de árboles energéticos específicos para la producción eléctrica.

[Defienden la certificación de bosques sostenibles en la ley de residuos](#)

FSC España ha solicitado hoy al Gobierno que incluya la certificación forestal de bosques sostenibles en la nueva ley de residuos que saldrá de la transposición de la Directiva Marco de Residuos, una vez que el sector del envase español se ha comprometido con la certificación FSC.

[La biomasa, una apuesta limpia y eficiente](#)

Este falso dilema entre producción y contaminación o entre consumo y contaminación está llevando al planeta a una difícil tesitura. Las emisiones de CO2, el efecto invernadero o el calentamiento del planeta están en la agenda política, pero todavía no en el subconsciente social. En este impasse, las energías renovables avanzan, pero todavía no permiten ser optimistas respecto al cumplimiento de las estrategias definidas por los principales organismos multilaterales y políticos.

[Ecologistas e ingenieros piden frenar los sectores que más deforestan](#)

Las organizaciones Greenpeace, Ecologistas en Acción (EeA) y WWF España, así como el Colegio de Ingenieros Técnicos Forestales (CITF) y la Sociedad Española de Ciencias Forestales han pedido frenar los sectores industriales que lideran la deforestación --concretamente, el avance de la ganadería y la agricultura--, reforzar la inversión económica de los bosques y darles "la importancia que tienen porque tradicionalmente se han valorado por los recursos materiales que generan como la madera y el papel, pero también son esenciales por sus valores ecosistémicos, como el suministro de oxígeno".

South Africa

[Climate Change- What the Experts Say](#)

Scientists say while features of climate change are already starting to manifest, it is difficult to say scientifically that there is a direct relationship between the heavy floods and climate change.

Tanzania

[Carbon Trade Yet to Benefit the Country](#)

Tanzania has no proper defined approach in coordinating activities to benefit from the growing carbon credit trade brought about by the climate change problem. The national REDD strategy is yet to be completed though it is at an advanced stage of preparation. It will enable Tanzania to gain billion of shillings annually from the international carbon trading markets, through conserving forests.

Uganda

[The Effects of Wetland Destruction Will Be Too Costly](#)

The Global Water Partnership in Eastern Africa states that Uganda annually loses 15 per cent of its GDP due to the destruction of forests, land, and water resources. Wetland destruction cost the country Shs2 billion and contamination of water resources was rated at over Shs38 billion.

United Kingdom

[Don't sell trees, say campaigners](#)

On an overcast weekday in January, with sleet swirling around the conifers, you would be forgiven for thinking Thetford Forest might be very quiet.

[Don't let them plunder our forests](#)

The government insists that the big Forestry Commission sell-off will protect our national heritage. One woodland lover is not so sure...

[Why are phone books getting thinner?](#)

The new Yellow Pages - which is a mixture of paper either recycled or sourced from sustainably managed forests - will conserve about 5,000 tonnes of paper a year.

[Survey finds opposition to privatisation of forests](#)

A majority of the public opposes plans to sell some of England's forests, a survey suggests.

[Celebrities voice opposition to forests privatisation](#)

Several public figures, including the Archbishop of Canterbury and Dame Judi Dench, have urged the government not to sell off England's forests.

[Wolverhampton University staff tackle illegal logging](#)

The University of Wolverhampton has secured a £1.5m grant to tackle illegal logging in Africa.

[Government vows protection in forest plan](#)

Ministers say ancient woodlands will be kept out of commercial hands as they launch a consultation on the future of Forestry Commission lands in England.

[Famosos piden al Gobierno británico que no venda los bosques ingleses](#)

Un grupo de famosos ha pedido en una carta pública al Gobierno británico del primer ministro David Cameron que no venda los bosques ingleses pues sería "una equivocación y una medida política miope".

United States of America

[Documentary focuses on environmental "terrorists"](#)

Winner of the Documentary Editing Award at Sundance, "If a Tree Falls: A Story of the Earth Liberation Front" is slated for broadcast later this year on PBS' POV series and will remain an evergreen title in educational settings as well. Select theatrical dates in targeted markets could also prove fruitful.

[Tracks of two prehistoric birds found in Alaska](#)

Fossilized tracks from two newly discovered prehistoric birds have been found in Alaska's Denali National Park, according to findings released by an expert in Arctic paleontology.

World

[El cambio climático duplica la pérdida de hojas de los árboles mediterráneos](#)

El aumento de las sequías durante las últimas décadas ha provocado que la superficie defoliada en la copa de los árboles de los bosques del sur de Europa se haya duplicado en los últimos 20 años, según un estudio de la Unidad de Ecología Global, unidad mixta entre Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) y el Centro de Investigación Ecológica y Aplicaciones Forestales. El trabajo ha sido publicado en la revista Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA (PNAS).

[Cutting down on meat 'could reduce 'greenhouse gas'](#)

Cutting out almost all meat from the nation's diet could help reduce greenhouse emissions, a new report out today claims.

[La deforestación amenaza los bosques de todo el planeta](#)

Los bosques albergan 300 millones de personas en todo el mundo. Provee alimentos, recursos naturales, agua y medicina a más de 1.600 millones de seres humanos.

[Forest accords not saving trees, experts](#)

International accords on saving vulnerable forests are having little impact because they do not attack the core causes such as growing demand for biofuels and food crops, a new report said.

[«Les forêts primaires, jamais abîmées, sont des réserves de vie»](#)

Interview Francis Hallé, botaniste, spécialiste des forêts tropicales

[Report: Accords to Preserve Forests Fail to Address Real Challenge](#)

Global accords that aim to prevent the destruction of the world's most vulnerable forests are doomed to fail because they do not address the core issues spurring deforestation, particularly the rising demand for food crops and biofuels, according to a new report.

[U.N. climate plans said too narrow to save forests](#)

World efforts to slow deforestation should do more to address underlying causes such as rising demand for crops or biofuels, widening from a U.N. focus on using trees to fight climate change, a study said Monday.

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