



FAO at the 16th session of the United Nations Forum for Forests

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SEGMENT - EMERGING ISSUES: IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON FORESTS AND FOREST SECTOR [Concept note](#)

Monday, 26 April 2021, 9.00–11.00 am EDT / 15.00-17.00 CEST



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FAO Director-General **QU Dongyu** will participate through a video message.

Forest provides multiple socio-economic and environmental services and have huge potential to address global crises. The main objective of the High-Level Round Table (HLRT) is to provide an opportunity for senior officials from governments, United Nations entities and other international organizations, as well as representatives from the private sector, industries, and civil society to discuss the most effective policies and actions for curbing current global crises.

LAUNCH OF THE UN FORUM ON FORESTS FLAGSHIP PUBLICATION ON THE GLOBAL FOREST GOALS REPORT 2021 [Concept note](#)

Monday, 26 April 2021, 11.15–12.05 pm EDT EDT / 17.15–18.05 CEST



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FAO Deputy Director-General **Maria Helena Semedo** will participate through a video message.

The “Global Forest Goals Report 2021” is the first flagship publication produced by the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The publication presents an overview of progress towards achieving the Global Forest Goals and associated targets of the Strategic Plan. The launch event will be opened through senior UN officials, followed by a panel discussion.

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Side events with FAO engagement

PROMOTING FORESTS AS THE FORCE IN A GREEN AND RESILIENT RECOVERY: BUILDING MOMENTUM FOR THE XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS



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ORGANIZER:
World Forestry Congress Secretariat of FAO and
Korea Forest Service

DATE and TIME
Monday, 26 April 2021
1.30–2.45 pm EDT (New York time)
19.30–20.45 CEST (Rome time)

This side event serves as an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback and inputs to the main programme of the XV World Forestry Congress (WFC), which will be held from 2–6 May 2022 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The event aims to share key information about the XV World Forestry Congress preparatory process and engage stakeholders to discuss the main challenges faced by the forest sector in a post-COVID-19 era, and explore the ways in which the WFC can be an innovative forum to bring stakeholders together to address these challenges, leverage partnerships and promote forests as a central pillar in global and national recovery efforts. The event will take the format of a moderated panel discussion. [More information.](#)

FORESTS, TREES AND ERADICATION OF POVERTY: A GFEP GLOBAL ASSESSMENT REPORT



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ORGANIZER:
International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)

DATE and TIME
Monday, 26 April 2021
1.30–2.45 pm EDT (New York time)
19.30–20.45 CEST (Rome time)

This webinar will share the outcomes and key messages of this global assessment report. The speakers will present available scientific evidence on the wide range of contributions that forests and trees make to curbing poverty and on the effectiveness of diverse forest management policies, programs, technologies, and strategies. The event will also give an exclusive early insight into an upcoming GFEP policy brief, *Forests, Trees and Poverty Alleviation in Africa: An Expanded Policy Brief*. [More information.](#)

TURNING THE TIDE ON DEFORESTATION



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ORGANIZER:
CPF - Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)

DATE and TIME
Tuesday, 27 April 2021
1.30–2.45 pm EDT (New York time)
19.30–20.45 CEST (Rome time)

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) will launch its **Joint Statement on Challenges and Opportunities in Turning the Tide on Deforestation**, which presents sound scientific facts and figures around the status of deforestation and the multidimensional services provided by forests. While the statement highlights the main challenges and opportunities of halting deforestation, it aims to facilitate informed global dialogue. Leading up to the launch of the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration and pushing the Decade of Action, this side event will raise momentum for Turning the Tide on Deforestation. [More information.](#)

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

FOREST INFORMATION SERVING POLICY-MAKING AT ALL LEVELS

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ORGANIZER:
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

DATE and TIME
Wednesday, 28 April 2021
1.30–2.45 pm EDT (New York time)
19.30–20.45 CEST (Rome time)

The purpose of the side event is to highlight the importance of reliable forest-related information in policy-making at all levels. Finland's National Forest Inventory is celebrating its first century, which makes this side event particularly timely. Finland also shares its experience in supporting forest information through development policy. Lastly, the global picture is presented by FAO.

IMPROVEMENT ON THE GLOBAL FOREST GOALS (GFGS) IMPLEMENTATION: STREAMLINING FOREST-RELATED REPORTING AND DEVELOPING METHODOLOGY FOR MEASURING PERFORMANCE

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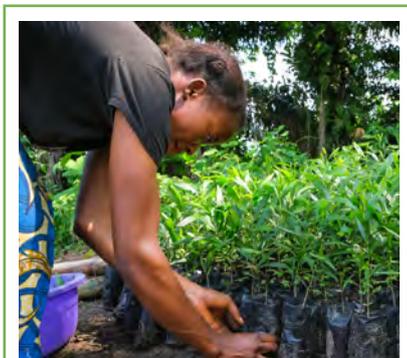
ORGANIZER:
Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFCO)
National Institute of Forest Science of Korea (NIFoS)

DATE and TIME
Wednesday, 28 April 2021
1.30–2.45 pm EDT (New York time)
19.30–20.45 CEST (Rome time)

The Side Event will reiterate the contributions of forest and forestry for SDGs and the importance of enhancing such contribution particularly for the next 10 years. The Side Event will explore the ways AFCO Parties to engage in testing the global core set of forest-related indicators. [More information.](#)

THE RESTORATION FACTORY: A BUSINESS ACCELERATOR TO ACHIEVE THE UN DECADE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION GOALS

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ORGANIZER:
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

DATE and TIME
Thursday, 29 April 2021
1.30–2.45 pm EDT (New York time)
19.30–20.45 CEST (Rome time)

The Restoration Factory is an e-learning programme developed by UNEP, FAO and IUCN that supports entrepreneurs in the development of enticing business models for restoration. This side event will showcase the ways in which this programme can harness the expertise of a community of private sector mentors who are committed to guiding mentees through each step of their business discovery journey. The programme borrows concepts and notions from some of the world's best business development curriculums, including the MIT's disciplined entrepreneur method. Moreover, the participants will hear about the latest developments and plans for the official launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. [More information.](#)

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