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# Sustainable wood for people and the planet

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Forests contribute to the food security and sustainable livelihoods of billions of people. Forest sector value chains also offer over 86 million green jobs and support the livelihoods of many more. Over 2.4 billion people use wood-based energy for cooking. Sustainably produced wood plays a key role to advance sustainability in other sectors and help transitioning to a circular bioeconomy, for instance in green buildings or green packaging, and thus contribute to sustainable development. However, if harvested unsustainably, it can lead to forest degradation and deforestation. To meet climate, biodiversity and sustainable development goals, transformative actions are critical in the area of sustainable production. Building on the *Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use* (UNFCCC COP26), this International Day of Forests (IDF) event will highlight the relevance of wood for people and planet and showcase benefits of sustainable and inclusive forestry value chains.

# Agenda

Welcome and publication launch	<b>Sheila Wertz-Kanounnikoff</b> Senior Forestry Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	<i>Welcome</i>
	<i>IDF video</i>	
	<b>Takayuki Hagiwara</b> Regional Programme Leader, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	<i>Opening remarks and release of the booklet on “Climate change mitigation and harvested wood products”</i>
	<b>E. Ashley Steel</b> Forestry Officer, FAO HQ, Rome	<i>Key messages on “Climate change mitigation and harvested wood products” booklet</i>
Celebrating the IDF: messages from stakeholders	<b>Ross Hampton</b> Chair, Advisory Committee for Sustainable Forest-based Industries, FAO & Chief Executive Officer, Australian Forest Products Association	
	<b>David Ganz</b> Executive Director, RECOFTC	
	<b>Tetra Yanuariadi</b> Projects Manager, ITTO	
	<b>Petteri Vuorinen</b> Senior Forest and Land Use Specialist, GCF	
	<b>Lien To Kim</b> Center for Education and Development, Viet Nam	
	<b>Otto Zvagins</b> Wood Supply & Forestry regional manager, IKEA	
	<b>R.T. Somaiya</b> President, Timber Importers Association of India	
	<b>Hang Nguyen Bich</b> Forest Sector Transformation manager, WWF-Vietnam	
Music from wood	<b>Kannan CS Warriar</b> Senior Principal Scientist, IFGTB	
Online Quiz	<b>Devin Sethi and Anna Ioannou</b> FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	
Wrap up	<b>Sheila Wertz-Kanounnikoff</b> Senior Forestry Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	