



# XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests

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## Seoul Forest Declaration and other outcomes



The [Seoul Forest Declaration](#) was adopted after five days of discussions at the largest ever global gathering on forests. The declaration asserts that forests, forestry, and forest stakeholders offer major nature-based solutions to climate change, biodiversity loss, land degradation, hunger, and poverty, but we need to act now – there is no time to lose. In addition to the Seoul Forest Declaration, the [Ministerial Call on Sustainable Wood](#) and the [Youth Call for Action](#) were initiated during the Congress. Detailed action points from the main sessions of the Congress were also developed and can be found [here](#).

## Highlights of the XV World Forestry Congress



Over 15 000 participants from 160 countries registered either onsite or virtually. They brought their ideas, insights, expertise, and perspectives to this global gathering and contributed to the debate on how to create a green, healthy and resilient future with forests. The daily highlights and a summary report can be found [here](#). Video replays of the main sessions and events can be viewed [here](#).

## Launch of publications and initiatives



The Congress provided a space to launch FAO's flagship publication [The State of the World's Forests 2022](#), and FAO's Global Forest Resources Assessment [Remote Sensing Survey](#), were launched. The Republic of Korea and FAO launched the [Assuring the Future of Forests through Integrated Risk Management \(AFFIRM\) Mechanism](#) and a new [Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring \(FERM\)](#).

## Wangari Mathaii Award Winner announced



Cameroonian activist Cécile Ndjebet was announced the winner of the [Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award](#) for her tireless work to promote women's rights to forest land and resources.

## Youth and young professionals at centre stage



Youth and young professionals have been highly involved throughout the process. They held events, spoke on panels, contributed to discussions and presented their own Youth Call to Action. Find out more [here](#).

## Congress sessions can be accessed online



For those that were unable to join the event or missed a specific session they were particularly interested in, video replays of the main sessions/events can be viewed [here](#).