



Food and Agriculture  
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# Hosting the XV World Forestry Congress

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# About the World Forestry Congress

- First Congress held in 1926
- Held every 6 years
- Main global forum for forestry debate
- Role of FAO is to provide technical support
- The function of the Congresses are advisory
- Last congress in Durban, South Africa  
7-11 September 2015



# WFC in summary:

- ~4,000 participants, from 138 countries
- High attendance of Ministers
- Young professionals and students (almost 10% of total)
- Modern techniques used to enhance interactive participation
- Declaration reflects a diverse set of viewpoints of the participants (advisory)



# Technical content:

- Technical and political relevance
- Voluntary recommendation
- Outcomes presented to the FAO Conference

High Level Meeting, Kew-FAO partnership  
25 photos · 22 views

XIV WFC - 11 September 2015  
15 photos · 88 views

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XIV WFC - 08/09 September 2015

XIV WFC - 09 September 2015  
11 photos · 667 views

XIV WFC - 08 September 2015  
161 photos · 926 views

Building Momentum  
12 photos · 212 views

TREEHOUSING ceremony  
12 photos · 803 views

XIV WFC - 11 September 2015  
15 photos · 88 views

XIV WFC - 10 September 2015  
89 photos · 275 views

Forests and People Contest  
16 photos · 869 views

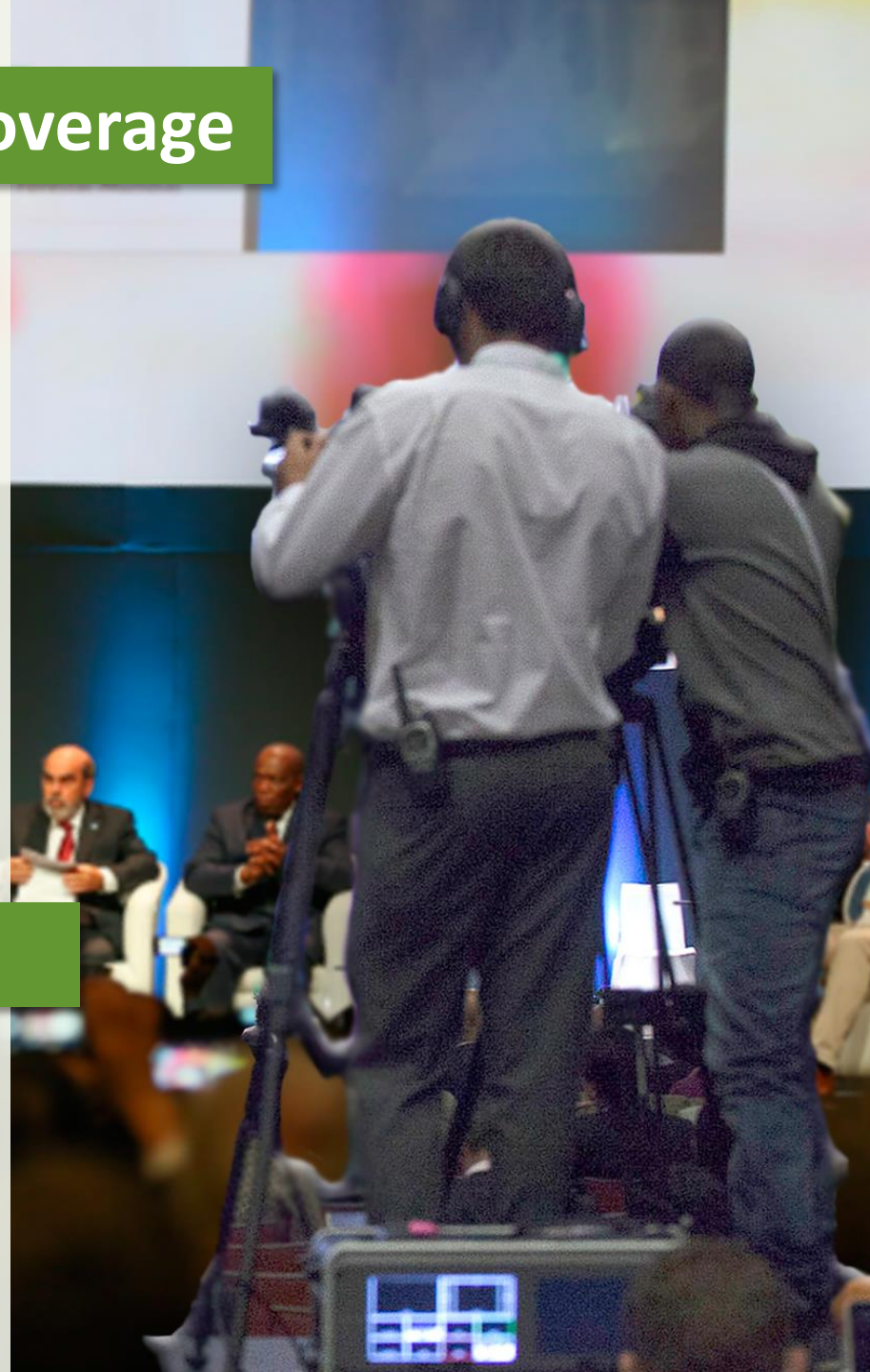
# Massive worldwide media coverage

Congress opening, FRA release, and daily video news releases were featured on international TV channels and other news media: AP, Reuters, BBC, SABC, Eurovision, UNiFEED, etc.



## Dissemination and Outreach

- UNGA
- Paris COP 21
- FAO Council
- FAO Regional Forestry Commissions
- FAO African Regional Conference



# Process & Procedure for selecting host of XV WFC

As per Revised Policy Guidelines For Selection of Host Countries of World Forestry Congresses, approved by the FAO Council, 115<sup>th</sup> Session, November 1998 (COFO2010/Inf.5)

- **18-22 July 2016**: COFO23 will consider the offers and draft recommendations for FAO Council
- **5-9 December 2016** : 155th Session of the FAO Council will consider COFO recommendations and announce the host country of the XV WFC

# The Committee may wish to:

- Acknowledge the offers received
- Provide recommendations to the 155<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Council on the host of the XV World Forestry Congress (2021)

