

## International Day of Forests 2021 Photo Contest – Terms and Conditions

### THE CONTEST

The United Nations General Assembly has designated 21 March as the “International Day of Forests” (IDF).

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), as the coordinating agency for the preparation and animation of this celebration (IDF) and Chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, is organizing a photo contest (the “Contest”) as part of the celebrations of the 2021 International Day of Forests.

The Contest aims to raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests. The theme chosen for IDF 2021 is “**Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being**”.

Entrants to the Contest are asked to submit a photo of a tree near their home that makes them feel better.

Entries will be judged in three age categories:

- **Children** (Entrants aged 6 to 14 years old)
- **Youth** (Entrants aged 15 to 24 years old)
- **Adults** (Entrants over the age of 24 years old)

### RULES

The Contest is open only to individuals (“Entrants”)<sup>1</sup>. The age to declare is that at the time of entering the Contest. If the Entrant is under the age of 18, the consent of their parent or legal guardian is required.

Entrants must submit to the Contest original works for which they are the sole creator and own the copyright. If the photo contains images of a person or persons, Entrants must have obtained the permission of those persons, or if such person or person are under the age of 18, of their respective parent or legal guardian, for submission of their photo to the Contest, as well as for the use of the photo as described herein.

FAO will not be responsible for any claim or complaints alleging violation of the rights of third parties.

By entering the Contest, the Entrant indicates that he is the sole copyright owner of the material, and that this material does not infringe upon the rights of any other third party. The Entrant agrees to grant an irrevocable, perpetual worldwide non-exclusive license to FAO to reproduce, distribute, display, share and create derivative works of the entries in connection with the Contest and the promotion of FAO’s work. The entries may be used for:

- Display on the FAO corporate website ([www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)) and social media channels;
- Display at public exhibitions to promote the Contest or the work of FAO;

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<sup>1</sup> FAO employees and their immediate family members (spouses, parents, children, siblings and their respective spouses, regardless of where they live) or persons living in the same households of such employees, whether or not related, are not eligible to enter the Contest. FAO will determine eligibility at its sole discretion.

- Display in a book, documentation, video or any other media for non-commercial use to promote the work of FAO;
- Publications including posters, postcards and calendars to promote the work of FAO ;
- Cropping and re-sizing, as necessary, to fit pre-defined formats to promote the work of FAO;

FAO will not pay any fees for, nor pay any costs relating to, the entry of the photo(s) into the Contest or for their use as described above. Where possible and to the extent feasible, FAO will credit the photographs as follows when publishing: ©First and last name of photographer.

FAO reserves the right to verify the eligibility of any entry and/or Entrant (including an Entrant's identity and address) and to disqualify any Entrant who submits an entry that is not in accordance with these rules or who tampers with the entry process.

By submitting entries to the Contest, Entrants agree that personal data, especially name and address, may be processed, shared and otherwise used for the purposes outlined in these Rules and in accordance with relevant FAO rules and policies, including FAO Corporate Communication Strategy and Policy, Publishing Guidelines, Web Policy and Guidelines, Guidelines for Using Social Media as well as the Personal Data Protection Policy. Personal data may also be used by FAO in order to verify the Entrant's identity, postal address and telephone number or to otherwise verify the Entrant's eligibility to participate in the Contest. FAO is not responsible for any entries not received due to internet or software failures.

Nothing in the Rules for this Contest, nor any acts performed or statements made in relation to this Contest, shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of FAO.

#### **PROCESS AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Contest opens at 12:00:00 Central European Time (CET) on 11 February 2021 and closes at 12:00:00 pm CET 12 March 2021. Entries received after the deadline will not be considered.

After the deadline for submission has expired, FAO will select, at its sole discretion, a shortlist of finalists for each age category received within the deadline and based on the following criteria: originality, relevance to the theme, artistic value and communication potential.

The shortlist will be submitted to a FAO Jury which, at its sole discretion, will select the winner for each age category which it considers to most closely meet the above criteria.

The winner of each age category will be notified by email using the contact details provided with the entry. In the event that any of the selected winners is ineligible, cannot be traced or does not respond within ten days to a winner notification as required by the Contest Rules above, or refuses the prize, the prize will be forfeited, and it will be in the sole discretion of the FAO Jury to choose whether to award the prize to another eligible entry.

The winners of the Contest will be publicly announced on 21st of March 2021, International Day of Forests.

## **ACCEPTANCE**

By submitting entries to the Contest, the Entrant confirms that he has read, understood and agreed to the Rules for this Contest, as set out above <sup>2</sup>.

## **PRIZE**

A prize will be awarded to the winning photo of each age category. The prize for the outright winner of each age category will consist of a tablet computer. Prizes for the Contest may not be substituted, replaced or otherwise modified.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

FAO is a Specialized Agency of the United Nations operating in the food and agriculture sectors, with the ultimate goal of eradicating hunger. It is composed of 194 Member Nations, one Member Organization (European Union) and two Associate Members (Faroe Islands and Tokelau), working together to achieve food security for all. FAO's mandate includes to improve nutrition, increase agricultural productivity, raise the standard of living in rural populations and contribute to global economic growth.

In the context of its mandate, FAO produces communications and information materials that are used to raise awareness about key issues related to food and agriculture with the aim to achieve its goal of ending global hunger. FAO's communication materials are available in many languages and distributed worldwide entirely free of charge. Some of its materials can be found on FAO's website: [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org).

Since 2012, FAO has observed IDF every year to create awareness about the importance of all types of forests.

The FAO Forestry Department is responsible for coordinating the activities of IDF, and for managing the operational tasks related to the Contest.

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<sup>2</sup> If the Entrant is a minor, a Subject Release Form will need to be filled by the parent or legal guardian.