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International Day of Forests

**HEALTHY FORESTS  
FOR HEALTHY PEOPLE**



# International Day of Forests 2023

High-level event

Tuesday, 21 March 2023, 10:00 – 11:30 CET (hybrid)  
Sheikh Zayed Centre, FAO headquarters, Rome

Provisional Programme

**Master of ceremonies:** Marcela Villarreal, Director, Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division, FAO

## Video of International Day of Forests 2023

### Opening remarks

QU Dongyu, Director-General, FAO

### High-level session

*Healthy forests for healthy people through policy, science and management*

H.E. Marie-Orléa Vina, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, Madagascar

H.E. Bhupender Yadav, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India (virtual)

Ms Sandra Vilardy Quiroga, Vice Minister for Policies and Environmental Standardization, Colombia

Mr Günter Walkner, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Austria to FAO and World Food Programme (WFP) and Chairperson of FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO)

### Musical performance

Ms Erica Boschiero, singer and songwriter

*Conversation between QU Dongyu, Director-General, FAO, and next generation forestry leaders*

Mr Tomiwa Oluwajuwon, Global Ambassador for Youth4Nature

Ms Alina Lehtikainen, Co-Head of the International Forestry Students' Symposium (IFSS)

Moderator: Ms Lindsey Hook, Head of Culture, World Food Forum

### Award ceremony: FAO Tree Cities of the World award

Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO

Professor Stefano Lo Russo, Mayor of Turin

### Reception