

Investing in people

Forestry is an investment in people and, in turn, an investment in sustainable development. This is highlighted by the Congress theme “Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable Future”, which will explore six sub-themes in more depth:

- ▶ Forests for socioeconomic development and food security
- ▶ Building resilience with forests
- ▶ Integrating forests and other land uses
- ▶ Encouraging product innovation and sustainable trade
- ▶ Monitoring forests for better decision-making
- ▶ Improving governance by building capacity

Defining a future for forests

The Congress will:

- ▶ Strengthen the role of forests and forestry in sustainable development
- ▶ Raise awareness of the major issues facing forests and forestry and propose new forms of technical, scientific and policy actions
- ▶ Provide a global showcase for the latest developments and innovations
- ▶ Foster new collaborative partnerships and networks
- ▶ Highlight world forestry's contribution to the post-2015 development agenda
- ▶ Ensure that all key stakeholders, including young people, women and local communities, have a voice

Get involved

From representatives of government or non-governmental organizations, private companies, academia, scientific or professional bodies, forestry associations and local practitioners, to those who simply have a personal interest – all are welcome.

Registration is required. Discounts on the standard fee are offered to participants from South Africa and other eligible countries, students and retirees, and participants who attend only a few days of the Congress.

We hope you can join us in Durban to help define a vision for the future of forests and forestry!

Special events

- ▶ Africa
- ▶ Business Networking Event
- ▶ Forests and Climate Change
- ▶ Innovation and Investment Forum
- ▶ International Forests and Water Dialogue
- ▶ More than heat! – Wood energy for the future
- ▶ Wangari Maathai Award 2015
- ▶ Wildlife Forum
- ▶ Youth – Forests for the future

The **World Forestry Congress** will take place in Africa for the first time in its history when the **Republic of South Africa** hosts the XIV Congress in Durban, under the auspices of the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**.

The largest and most inclusive gathering of the global forest community, the Congress takes place every six years. It will bring together the world's foresters and forest supporters to review key issues, share expertise and experience, and project a new vision for the future.

Official Congress sessions will be in English, French and Spanish.



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