



Celebrating Forests and Innovation

2024 International Day of Forests | 21 March 2024, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

OPENING SESSION

Opening remarks: Ms. Juliette Biao, Director, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat

- H.E. Ambassador Paula Narváez, President of the UN Economic and Social Council
- H.E. Ambassador Zéphyrin Maniratanga, Chair of the UNFF19 Bureau
- Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General, DESA

FAO VIDEO: Forests and innovation – new solutions for a better world

PANEL SESSION

Chair: Ms. Leticia Zamora Zumbado, Vice-Chair of the UNFF19 Bureau

- Mr. QU Guangzhou, Director, FAO Liaison Office, New York
- Ms. Anna Rathmann, Executive Director, Jane Goodall Institute
- Speaker tba, International Forestry Students' Association
- Speaker tba, USDA Forest Service
- Mr. Derek Nighbor, President and CEO of the Forest Products Association of Canada
- Mr. Kai Lintunen, Head of International Communication, Finnish Forest Association

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chair: Mr. Javad Momeni, Vice-Chair of the UNFF19 Bureau

Statements by Member States, UN entities and other accredited IGOs and Major Groups

FOREST VIDEO SHOWCASE

Chair: H.E. Ambassador Zéphyrin Maniratanga, Chair of the UNFF19 Bureau

Short films from the [2024 World Wildlife Day Film Showcase](#) (CITES and Jackson Wild)

- How Old Cell Phones Are Protecting the Rainforest
- This New AI Forensic Tool is Fighting Illegal Logging
- NASA Joins Jane Goodall to Conserve Chimp Habitats

CLOSING SESSION

Chair: H.E. Ambassador Zéphyrin Maniratanga, Chair of the UNFF19 Bureau

Closing remarks: Ms. Juliette Biao, Director, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat