



GLOBAL POLICY PROCESSES

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Forêt2019 – Joint Session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission
4-7 November 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

New York, 9-18 July, 2018

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- Reviewed SDG 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17
- Ministerial Declaration in which countries committed to:
 - Implementation of SFM, halting deforestation, restoring degraded forests and substantially increasing afforestation and reforestation by 2020
 - Facilitate investments and implement UNSPF, UN forest instrument and Aichi targets
 - Improve monitoring and reporting to tackle illegal logging and wildlife trafficking
- FAO launched SOFO 2018: Forest Pathways to Sustainable Development
- HLPF 9-18 July 2019: SDG 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17

CBD COP 14

Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 17-29 November, 2018



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- Sharm El-Shaikh Declaration: Investing in Biodiversity for People and the Planet
- Agreed to accelerate action to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- Agreed on process to develop post 2020 global biodiversity framework
- Welcomed FAO efforts to improve reporting on primary forests
- Requested CBD to continue work with FAO on mainstreaming biodiversity in the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors
- Adopted definition of “Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures” (OECMs)

UNFCCC COP 24

Katowice, Poland, 2-15 December, 2018



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Paris Agreement Rulebook:

- Article 6 (Market Mechanisms) deferred to COP25
- Climate Finance Reporting: Developed countries **shall** and developing countries **should** report on any climate finance they provide
- Transparency: Reporting on emissions, NDC progress, adaptation, climate impacts, climate finance provided and received: Every 2 years starting 2024
- Global Stocktake: Every 5 years starting 2023
- Loss & Damage: No agreement on financial mechanism

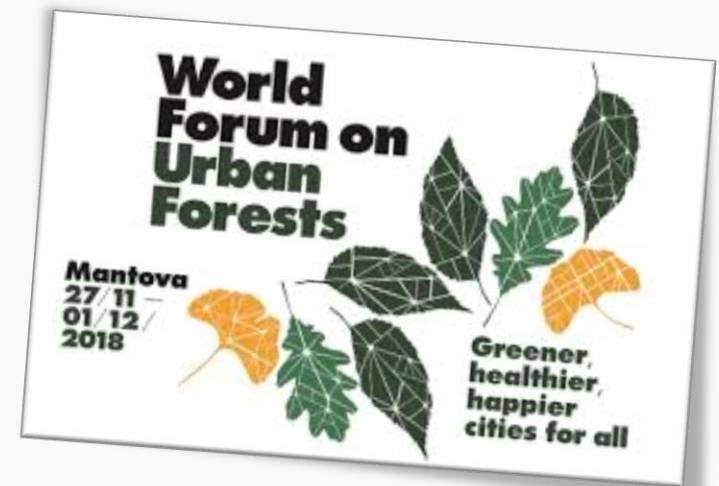
WORLD FORUM ON URBAN FORESTS

Mantova, Italy, 28 November – 1 December, 2018

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- Co-organised by FAO:
 - Over 600 participants from more than 70 countries
 - **Call for Action** on urban and peri-urban forests
 - Launch of **Tree Cities of the World** initiative
 - a recognition scheme for greener cities
- 2nd Latin American & Caribbean Forum on Urban Forests, Bogotá, 5-8 November 2019



4th WORLD CONGRESS ON AGROFORESTRY

Montpellier, France 20-22 May, 2019

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- There were over 1200 participants from 97 countries
- The Congress adopted the Montpellier Declaration: *Make our planet treed again!*
- FAO was both on the Organizing and Scientific Committees
- DDN spoke at the high level segment and confirmed that FAO promotes agroforestry
- FAO had a Side Event to launch the Forestry Working Paper on Agroforestry and Tenure and presented 4 technical papers



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UN CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT

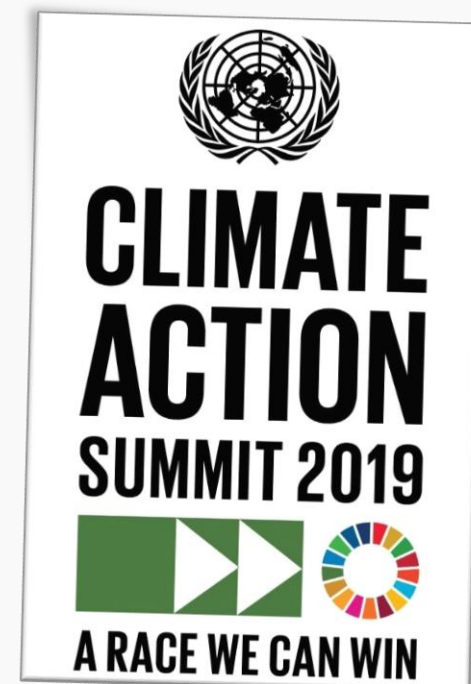
New York, 23 September, 2019

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Aimed to boost ambition and rapidly accelerate action to implement Paris Agreement. 9 tracks:

- Mitigation Strategy
- Social and Political Drivers
- Youth and Mobilization
- Energy Transition
- **Resilience and Adaptation**
- **Nature-based Solutions**
- Infrastructure, Cities and Local Government
- Climate Finance and Carbon Pricing
- Industry



NEW FORESTRY-RELATED INITIATIVES AND FINANCE

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- A new Alliance for forests (France: \$100 M, CI: \$20 M)
- WB PROGREEN, Germany: € 200 M
- High Ambition Coalition for People and Nature: Protect 30% of planet's natural systems by 2030
- GNU: reiterated \$1 Billion/year by 2020 for REDD+
- \$150 M to Gabon for REDD+ from Norway
- Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance: carbon-neutral investment portfolio by 2050
- One Planet Business for Biodiversity: protect and restore biodiversity in supply chains (19 agriculture companies, part of WBCSD)
- Gates Foundation & WB: \$790 M for 300 M small-scale food producers
- The Amazon Sacred Headwater Initiative: Call to permanently protect 74M acres of tropical rainforest

NEW FORESTRY-RELATED PLEDGES



- Barbados: 1 M trees planted by 2020
- Colombia: 300,000 ha restored by 2022 (180 M trees) and 900,000 ha of agro-forestry and SFM
- DRC: Forest cover to stabilize at 60%
- Ethiopia: 4 billion new trees to be planted in a year
- Fiji: 1 M new trees, explore possibility to plant 31 M more
- Guatemala: 1.5 M ha restored by 2022
- Hungary: Forest cover increased by 30% by 2030
- Kenya: 2 billion trees planted by 2022
- New Zealand: 1 billion trees planted by 2028
- Nigeria: 25 M trees to be planted by youth
- Pakistan: 10 billion trees planted in next 5 years
- Sierra Leone: 2 M trees planted by 2023

UN DECADE ON FAMILY FARMING 2019-2028

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- Led by FAO and IFAD
- Launched on 29 May, 2019
- **The Forest and Farm Facility is closely involved**

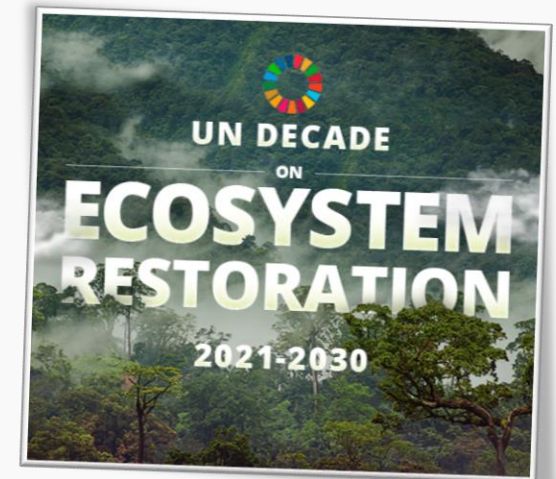


UN DECADE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION 2021-2030

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- Led by FAO and UN Environment Programme
- Forestry Department is closely involved
- Consultations with member States and other stakeholders ongoing



UN REFORM PROCESS

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- UN Development System:
 - UN Resident Coordinators lead UN Country Teams and report to SG
 - UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (ex-UNDAF)
- UN Management reform:
e.g. Gender Parity Strategy



REFORM OF THE IPC

(formerly: International Poplar Commission)

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- Traditionally focused on poplars and willows.
- In 2019, IPC expanded scope to include other fast-growing species in all climatic zones
- FAO Conference in June 2019 approved the change.
- New title: **International Commission of Poplars and other Fast-Growing Trees sustaining People and the Environment**
- 26th session of the IPC to be hosted by Italy, at FAO HQ, October 2020



POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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- **Take note of the forest-related outcomes of COP24 of the UNFCCC, CBD COP14, HLPF, WFUF and UN reform process**
- **Invite countries to:**
 - Strengthen forest-related contributions to their NDCs;
 - Provide input to post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
 - Strive to implement the forest-related HLPF commitments;
 - Promote nature-based solutions to climate change and encourage participation in UN Climate Action Summit;
 - Promote the Tree Cities of the World initiative;
 - Ensure that forestry issues are given priority in UNSDCF documents
 - Consider joining IPC and engage in its reform process
- **Recommend COFO to:**
 - Consider opportunities provided by UN Decade on Family Farming & UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration to upscale forest and landscape restoration activities



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Thank you!



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