

# **High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2020**

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- Theme: ***"Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development "***
- Participants stressed the importance of **"addressing drivers of unsustainable natural resource management** practices, such as climate change, deforestation and other terrestrial and marine ecosystem degradation..."
- "...conservation, restoration and sustainable use of ecosystems and their landscapes and seascapes offer a proven and cost-effective opportunity to recover better, fairer and greener from the COVID-19 pandemic and get back on track to achieve the SDGs, with integrated approaches for transforming economic systems, including **through nature-based solutions and circular economy approaches**, which can ensure that societies and ecosystems become more resilient to shocks."



- [Ministerial declaration](#) of the high-level segment of the 2020 session of the Economic and Social Council and the 2020 high-level political forum on sustainable development...
- ...stresses the **importance of forest restoration for reversing trends of environmental degradation and biodiversity loss**



- Theme: ***“Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”***
- Goals under review: SDG1, SDG2, SDG3, SDG8, SDG10, SDG12, SDG13, SDG16, and SDG17
- Participants will be able to explore various aspects of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the various measures and types of international cooperation that can control the pandemic and its impacts and put the world back on track to achieve the SDGs by 2030



- The Committee is invited to make recommendations on the possible contribution of the Committee to the next session of the Forum in 2021.

# Thank you!



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