



Forests: at the heart of a green recovery from COVID-19

Webinar organized by the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, UN



In 2017, the UN General Assembly adopted the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 (UNSPF) to provide a global framework for action at all levels to sustainably manage all types of forests and trees outside forests, and to halt deforestation and forest degradation by 2030. The Strategic Plan was created to promote the contributions of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and has at its heart six Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and 26 associated targets to be achieved by 2030. These goals and targets build on the foundation of the four Global Objectives on Forests of the UN Forest Instrument.

The UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 can also serve as the reference framework for a green recovery from COVID-19. The Plan recognizes that the individual and collective actions and commitments of Member States are decisive for its successful implementation, and highlights the vital role of the UN system, members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, intergovernmental partners, regional and sub-regional organizations and processes and Major Groups and other stakeholders. It serves as a call to action by all actors, to work individually and collectively to accelerate progress towards the Global Forest Goals, to create a greener, more sustainable post-pandemic world.

Objectives

This webinar is being held in the context of events during the General Assembly high level segment in September 2020, which will set out the vision for global sustainable development in the post-COVID-19 era, including the SDG Moment, celebration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, SDG Business Forum and the Biodiversity Summit. In this regard, the webinar will provide a timely opportunity to showcase the interlinkages between achieving the Global Forest Goals and other



Programme

OPENING SEGMENT (9:00 to 9:45)

Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA

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Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme