

QUICK GUIDE TO THE UN FORUM ON FORESTS

The [United Nations Forum on Forests](#) (UNFF) was established by the UN Economic and Social Council in 2000, with the central objective of promoting the "*management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests and to strengthen long-term political commitment to this end.*" It is an international policy forum that brings together governments, civil society, and other stakeholders to discuss progress and challenges related to the [UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030](#) (UNSPF).



— GLOBAL — FOREST — GOALS —

The UNSPF provides a universal framework for global action, at all levels, to sustainably manage forests and trees and to halt deforestation and degradation. It is composed of 6 [global forest goals](#) and 26 corresponding targets, all of which are voluntary:

- Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide, increase efforts to prevent forest degradation, and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change
- Enhance forest-based economic, social, and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people
- Increase the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests
- Mobilize increased financial resources for the implementation of sustainable forest management (SFM) and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships
- Promote governance frameworks to implement SFM and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda
- Enhance cooperation, coordination, and coherence on forest-related issues at all levels, across sectors and stakeholders

Click on the following link to access the [Voluntary National Contributions](#) of your country in relation to these goals and targets.



The **18th Session of the UN Forum on Forests** will be held from **8-12 May 2023** at the UN Headquarters in New York. Visit the [UNFF webpage](#) for details on the official programme and schedule of side events, as well as information on the forum's thematic priorities.

SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA MESSAGING

The #UNForests Forum reminds us that we cannot achieve a sustainable future without #forests & forests need our help! Regrowing forests creates new jobs, mitigates climate change, & protects biodiversity. We call on the global community to take urgent action on #GlobalForestGoals

The #UNForests Forum (May 8-12) will focus on sustainable management of the world's #forests. Here are 5 things you need to know about this vital planetary resource: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/un-desa-voice/things-you-need-to-know/2023/05#5318>

Regardless of where we live, #forests sustain us all. The fate of the world's forests and the health of future generations depends on the actions that we take today. We can all make sustainable choices to benefit forests. #UNForests
Learn more: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/biodiversity/>

Forests are essential for planetary & human health. They cover 1/3 of land on Earth & sustain us by: cleaning air & water, providing food, fuel & medicines, & protecting us from the effects of #ClimateChange. How will you commit to forests? #UNForests
#CareForOurCommonHome

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