



## United Nations FORUM ON FORESTS

The UN Forum on Forests is a functional commission of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with universal membership. Since its inception in 2000, the Forum has reached numerous milestones including agreement on the first UN Forest Instrument in 2007, establishment of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN) in 2015, and agreement on the first UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 in 2017. 2019 marks the 14<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Forum on Forests.

**Dates/ Location:** 6-10 May 2019, UNHQ New York

**Main event page:** <http://bit.ly/UNForest>

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## Forests are vital to life on Earth [Card 1, Infographic 1]

The UN Forum on Forests works to safeguard the world's 🌲 🌳 🌴 🍃 for our future! See how the global community is taking action for #forests, and how you can help to protect, restore and plant more.

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Did you know that 80% of all terrestrial species live in forests? 🦋 🐿️ 🐾 🐾 🐾

The UN Strategic Plan for Forests aims to increase forest cover by 3% to continue providing a safe home for biodiversity!

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## Trees build resilience against climate change [Card 2, Infographic 1, Issue Brief 1]

Forests and Trees: 🌳 🌳 🌳 🌳

🌳 Regulate our climate

🌳 Improve our air

🌳 Reduce storm water and flooding.

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Forests are the most cost-effective “technology” to capture and store the excess carbon in our atmosphere. They absorb 2 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide every year!

See how forests are helping #ClimateAction: [bit.ly/UNForest](http://bit.ly/UNForest)

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## Forests and trees create sustainable livelihoods [Card 3, Infographic 3, Issue Brief 2]

Forests & trees provide:

🌿 1.6 billion people with timber, food, jobs & shelter

🔥 2.4 billion people with fuel for cooking and heating

👨‍🌾 2.5 billion small-scale farmers with livelihood

#Forests support our economic growth & employment!

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## Trees are keepers of knowledge and life [Card 4, Issue Brief 3]

Trees are some of the oldest living organisms. The rings of a 🌳 tell our 🌍's history. See how forest education helps create sustainable societies.

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## Your glass of water is a tree product [Card 4, Infographic 2]

Did you know forests are the 🌍's water towers?

✓ Forests provide 75% of our freshwater

✓ 1/3 of the world's largest cities draw their 🏠 from forests

Learn about the many ways in which forests enrich our daily lives: [bit.ly/UNForest](https://bit.ly/UNForest)

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## Investing in Forests is good for your health [Card 6, Infographic 4]

Forests are saving our lives - literally!

2 out of 3 cancer-fighting medicines 🍷 come from rainforest plants. Protecting 🌲 🌳 🌴 🌿 is the best investment we can make for a sustainable future!

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🌳 🌲 🌴 🌿 clean our air, reduce stress and noise. They are vital for healthy people and 🌍

In the last 15 years, \$8.6 billion in ODA went to forests. It is our best investment for a sustainable future! Learn more: [bit.ly/UNForest](http://bit.ly/UNForest) Join the convo: #UNFF14 #UNForests

## The future of forests is in our hands [Infographic 6]

The future of 🌲 🌳 is in our 🤝 🧱

- ✓ 76% of forests are publicly owned
- ✓ 1.5 billion local & #indigenous people have rights over forest resources
- ✓ 850 million people collect fuelwood or produce charcoal

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