



# The Global Forest Goals Report 2021

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The inaugural Global Forests Goals Report 2021 highlights that while significant progress has been made by countries in increasing global forest area through afforestation and restoration, expanding protected forests and increasing forest carbon stocks, some of these gains could be at risk due to the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the escalating impacts of the climate and biodiversity crises.

Chair/Moderator: **Jesse Mahoney**, Vice-Chair of UNFF16 and member of the informal advisory group (IAG) will preside over the launch event of the Global Forest Goals Report.

## Opening Segment

- **Liu Zhenmin**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA
- **Maria Helena Semedo**, Deputy Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

## Presentation of the key findings of the “Global Forests Goals Report 2021”

- **Alexander Trepelkov**, Officer in Charge, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, UNDESA

## Panel Presentation

- Reversing the loss of forest cover through sustainable forest management  
**Liu Xin**, Deputy Director-General, International Cooperation Center, National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China
- Improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people  
**Julius Kamau**, Chief Conservator of Forests, Kenya
- Increasing the area of protected forests and other areas of sustainably managed forests  
**Maureen Whelan**, Director, Canadian Forest Service – Trade and International Affairs Division
- Mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of sustainable forest management  
**Davia N K Carty**, Manager, Strategic Corporate Planning, Forestry Department, Jamaica
- Promoting governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management  
**Boris Greguska**, Chief State Counsellor, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Slovak Republic
- Importance of enhanced cooperation, coordination and data for monitoring progress towards international forest-related commitments  
**Mette Wilkie**, Director, Forestry Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)



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