**WANGARI MAATHAI “FOREST CHAMPIONS” AWARD 2022**

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Do you know a true forest champion? Nominate them for the Wangari Maathai Award by 15 October!

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) is giving the award to one extraordinary individual for having improved our forests and the lives of people who depend on them. The winner of the 2022 award will be celebrated for their outstanding contributions to preserve, restore and sustainably manage forests and to raise awareness of the key role forests play in supporting local communities, rural livelihoods, women, youth and the environment, at the upcoming [XV World Forestry Congress](https://wfc2021korea.org/index.html), (2-6 May 2022, Seoul, Republic of Korea).

Along with international recognition and prestige, the recipient of the award will be granted a cash prize of USD20,000 and travel support to participate in the award ceremony in Seoul.

Please complete the nomination form in English, French or Spanish. The closing date for the receipt of nominations is **15 October 2021**.

The [XV World Forestry Congress](https://wfc2021korea.org/index.html) was postponed to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In line with this decision the CPF postponed the Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award to take place in the same year as the Congress. All nominations which were already received during the previous call for nominations will remain valid unless withdrawn by the submitter.

Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of renowned forestry experts, from research to politics, who will also consider the nominees’ efforts in empowering women, youth and civil society, fostering social commitment, promoting networks and improving the visibility and socio-cultural value of forests.

**1. Basic information:**

Include the following information in your nomination:

Your Name:

(Note: candidates cannot be nominated by next of kin or business partners):

Title:

First/Given Name:

Family Name:

Country:

Job/Profession:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Address:

Name of Nominee

Title:

First/Given Name:

Family Name:

Country:

Job/Profession:

Age:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Address:

**2. Explanation of achievements:**

Please answer the following question, addressing the associated sub-points below, in 2500 words or less:

* How has your nominee contributed to the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of all types of forests? Provide concrete examples of how the nominee’s work has benefited local communities, rural livelihoods, women, youth and the environment.
1. List three innovative aspects of the nominee’s work and how it reflects the spirit of Wangari Maathai’s ground-breaking achievements
2. List three specific actions the nominee has taken to raise awareness of the key role forests play in rural livelihoods, women, youth and the environment
3. Identify how the nominee’s work has empowered others to take action through strengthened social commitment, community networks, and / or improved recognition of the value of forests.

**3. References:**

Please provide at least two additional references willing to support the candidate’s nomination:

Title:

First/Given Name:

Family Name:

Country:

Job/Profession:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Address:

**4. Supporting evidence:**

Please include a small sample of available photos, videos, press clippings or other supporting materials that reflect the accomplishments mentioned in the application.

**5. Submission:**

Please email the above information and additional supporting information to cpf@un.org with the subject: ‘Wangari Maathai Award nomination’.