



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS

21 March 2025

UN Headquarters, New York City
Conference Room 6
10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Celebrating Forests and Foods

Opening remarks

Moderator: Ms. **Juliette Biao**, Director, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat

- Mr. **Ismail Belen**, Chair of UNFF20 Bureau (video message)
- Mr. **Zhimin Wu**, Director, FAO Forestry Division (video message)

FAO video: Nurture the forest to nourish the people

Panel discussion

Moderator: Ms. **Angélica Jácome**, Director, FAO Liaison Office with the UN

- H.E. Ms. **Inga Rhonda King**, Ambassador of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines & Chair, Working Group on Food Security of the ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti
- Ms. **Eliane Ubalijoro**, Chief Executive Officer, Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry
- Ms. **Tarcila Rivera Zea**, President, Board of Directors, Chirapaq
- Mr. **Nathan Hunter**, Coordinator, The Bronx River Foodway
- Ms. **Lindsey Jerome**, Senior Ecological Monitoring Coordinator, Stone Barnes Center
- Ms. **Airi Gavan** & Mr. **Rizka Afif Manguntarunan Tirtaadmaja**, International Forestry Students' Association
- Ms. **Inna Modja**, Artist and UNCCD Goodwill Ambassador (video message)

UNCCD video: Empowering women through Shea Parkland restoration

Special Remarks

- Mr. **Li Junhua**, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

General session

Statements by Member States, accredited IGOs, United Nations entities and Major Groups.

Closing



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