



Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being

2021 celebration of the International Day of Forests

FRIDAY

19 March 2021

10 a.m – 1 p.m. EST

UN Web TV

The 2021 celebration aims to raise awareness of how forests play a vital role in the health and wellbeing of people and the planet.

Restoring the health of our forests and sustainably managing them is crucial to support livelihoods, mitigate climate change, safeguard biodiversity and reduce the risk of future pandemics.



Forests – a path to a sustainable future for all

- **Liu Zhenmin**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA
- **H.E. Volkan Bozkir**, President of the UN General Assembly
- **H.E. Munir Akram**, President of the UN Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations
- **H.E. Kitty Sweeb**, Chair of UNFF 16/17 and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations
- **Qu Dongyu**, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Moderator: Alexander Trepelkov, Officer-in-Charge, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat

The importance of managing and restoring our forests

- **Sonya Germann**, State Forester, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, USA
- **Musonda Mumba**, Chair, Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration
- **Rashneh Pardiwala**, Director, Centre for Environmental Research & Education, India
- **José Carlos da Fonseca**, Executive Director, The Brazilian Tree Industry (Ibá), Brazil
- **J. Sterling Morton High School District 201**, Cicero, Illinois, USA

Moderator: Hossein Moeini-Meybodi, Senior Forest Policy Officer, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat

General Discussion: Restoring forests restores the health of people and planet

Chair: H.E. Kitty Sweeb, Chair of UNFF 16/17

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

Forest film showcase

Film screenings from the 2021 World Wildlife Day Film Festival

- **Reforestation Alert** (If Not Us Then Who)
- **Our Planet - How to Restore Our Forests** (Silverback Films, Netflix and WWF UK)

Moderator: Afsa Kemitale-Rothschild, Senior Programme Officer, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat