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The XV World Forestry Congress, hosted by the Republic of Korea, will bring together diverse stakeholders worldwide to explore how the forest sector can best address global challenges and seize opportunities.

The Congress will:

- ▶ Provide a forum for debating the state and future of world forestry at a unique moment in history.
- ▶ Explore, raise awareness of and showcase the contributions of forests and the forest sector to overcoming global problems related to climate, biodiversity, livelihoods, food security, peace and other crucial issues.
- ▶ Promote inclusive discussions with a view to placing forests at the centre of the global agenda on sustainable development.
- ▶ Identify innovative technical, scientific and policy measures in the forest sector for achieving net-zero commitments.
- ▶ Enable forest stakeholders to build and strengthen partnerships, launch new initiatives, and learn about new technologies and trends.
- ▶ Strategically position forests at the centre of a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Congress will result in:

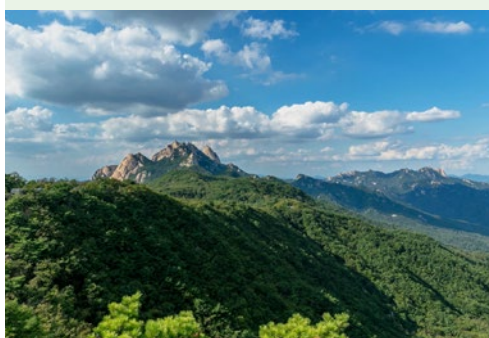
- ▶ Strengthened commitment to halt deforestation, prevent forest degradation, expand the forest area and increase investment in forests, forestry and sustainable forest industries.
- ▶ The dissemination of new forest data and knowledge and cutting-edge technologies for sustainable forest management and use.
- ▶ Heightened awareness among policymakers and the public of the crucial role that forests and trees must play in a green, healthy and resilient future and in building back better from the pandemic.



Seoul – a dynamic cultural centre

Forests hold an important place in Korean culture and history, and forest restoration, environmental sustainability and economic growth have gone hand-in-hand as the country has developed. The Korean people see forests as an invaluable asset to be passed on to future generations, and the government ensures they are managed sustainably to provide multiple benefits.

Seoul is a dynamic cultural centre where technology and modern life mix beautifully with traditional values; it is also a hub for global trends in entertainment, music, fashion, culinary culture, and more. Seoul is home to well-preserved ancient palaces and five World Heritage sites. It has hosted many international conferences and is well-prepared to safely welcome visitors at the COEX Convention Center and its state-of-the-art facilities. The Republic of Korea looks forward to welcoming the world's forest community, sharing lessons learned, and showcasing the country's majestic forests!



The Congress organizers will follow all health protocols to ensure the safety of participants.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE CONGRESS?

Participants in the XV World Forestry Congress will represent the full range of forest stakeholders. They will include forest policymakers, managers, administrators and academics as well as representatives of indigenous peoples, local communities, the private sector, civil society and the public, and they will also come from other sectors, such as agriculture, water and energy. Because of this diversity, the Congress will be an inclusive forum for sharing knowledge, views and findings and establishing and consolidating partnerships and networks, both within the sector and beyond. This inclusivity, in turn, will give the Congress a powerful voice in determining how best to build a green, healthy and resilient future with forests. All participants will attend in their personal capacities.



Civil society

Local communities and indigenous peoples, academics, scientists, non-governmental organizations, foundations, forest societies, youth groups, women's groups, and students



Policymakers, practitioners and government officials

Regional, national and subnational governments involved in forest and land-use policy, finance, climate change and implementing forest and environmental laws



The private sector

Forest producer organizations, small, medium-sized and large forest-based enterprises, timber processors, value-adding companies and certification organizations



The public

Those with an affinity for and interest in forests!

What to expect

The Congress will comprise hundreds of interactive events – in-depth plenary and sub-theme sessions on overarching forest topics; special events on key and emerging issues; a high-level dialogue and ministerial forum on forest financing; paper and poster sessions to enable participants from around the world to present their work; side events and partner meetings; networking opportunities; pre-Congress events; tours and social activities; and a large exhibition space to enable forest-related organizations, institutions and other entities to showcase their skills and expertise.



THEMATIC FOCUS

Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests

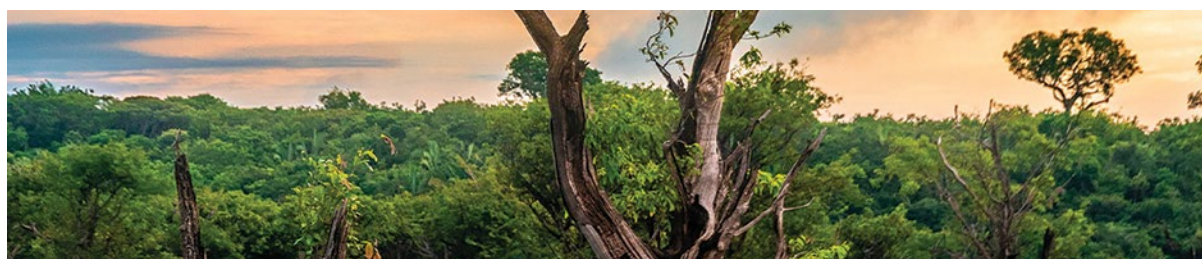
The Congress's theme, **building a green, healthy and resilient future with forests**, reflects the integral role that forests play in ensuring the health, well-being and stability of the planet and its inhabitants. The theme will frame discussions in the global forestry community on the state and future of world forestry and put forests at the centre of efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Congress will have six sub-themes.



Turning the tide: reversing deforestation and forest degradation

This sub-theme will discuss progress in and priorities for addressing deforestation and forest degradation. The implementation of recent global commitments and the operationalization of major global initiatives will form part of the discourse.



Nature-based solutions for climate-change adaptation and mitigation and biodiversity conservation

This sub-theme will discuss the potential of forests to provide nature-based solutions that deliver climate-change adaptation and mitigation while supporting biodiversity and securing ecosystem services.



The green pathway to growth and sustainability

This sub-theme will assess options for viable “green” forest-based pathways that contribute to sustainable consumption and production and the achievement of global commitments such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the Global Forest Goals.



Forests and human health: revisiting the connections

This sub-theme will build understanding of and revitalize connections between forests and human health and well-being, using both scientific and traditional knowledge. It will give voice to diverse stakeholders – urban and rural – and explore challenges and innovative solutions.



Managing and communicating forest information and knowledge

This sub-theme will present innovations in forest monitoring and examine how best to improve collaboration between science and policy and communicate forest issues to diverse audiences.



Forests without boundaries: enhancing management and cooperation

This sub-theme will draw attention to forests in the context of landscape dynamics and the multisectoral coordination and partnerships needed to achieve sustainable forest management.



XV WORLD FORESTRY

Sunday 1 May			Monday 2 May			Tuesday 3 May		
08:00 – 08:30			SOFO launch			Poster session		
08:30 – 09:00								
09:00 – 09:30								
09:30 – 10:00			Opening ceremony			Ministerial forum on financing for forests		
10:00 – 10:30								
10:30 – 11:00			Photo op. and press conference					
11:00 – 11:30								
11:30 – 12:00			High-level dialogue			Parallel session for 6 sub-themes		
12:00 – 12:30								
12:30 – 13:00								
13:00 – 13:30			Side events and partner meetings			Special event Peace Forest Initiative	Side events and Partner meetings	
13:30 – 14:00								
14:00 – 14:30								
14:30 – 15:00	Registration		Plenary session 1 UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration – 10 years to heal the planet			Plenary session 2 Forests for a healthier and prosperous world		
15:00 – 15:30								
15:30 – 16:00								
16:00 – 16:30			Parallel session for 6 sub-themes			Parallel session for 6 sub-themes		
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17:30 – 18:00			Special event CPF Dialogue (closed)					
18:00 – 18:30								
18:30 – 19:00								
19:00 – 19:30								
19:30 – 20:00								
20:00 – 20:30	Welcome cocktail		Networking	Side events and Partner meetings		Side events and Partner meetings	Networking	Poster session and Speakers' Corner
20:30 – 21:00								
21:00 – 21:30								
21:30 – 22:00								

Exhibition

Special event: Sustainable investments in forests for people

Exhibition

CONGRESS PROGRAMME

Wednesday 4 May

Launch space/Poster session		Special event: Forest Fire Forum	Exhibition
Plenary session 3 The most ancient raw material taking us to the future			
Parallel sessions for 6 sub-themes			
Side events and Partner meetings			
Special event Forests in a post-COVID-19 world	Poster session and Speakers' Corner	Field trips	
Networking			
Special event Sustainable forests and green energy			
Networking	Side events and Partner meetings		

Thursday 5 May

	Poster session		Exhibition
	Special event The future is now: “investing” in young forestry professionals and career development	Side events and Partner meetings	
	Special event The contribution of forest circular bioeconomy to sustainable development	Special event Rural finance and forest farm producers’ enterprises at the centre of the “green recovery”	
	Poster session and Speakers’ Corner		
	Parallel session for 6 sub-themes		
	Wangari Maathai Award		
	Special event The champions’ view – panel of Wangari Maathai Award winners		
	Networking		
	Closing dinner		

Friday 6 May

Exhibition
Plenary session 4 Sustainable pathways for building a green, healthy and resilient future – session summaries
Side events and Partner meetings
Presentation of Congress outcomes and adoption
Closing ceremony

PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION



The XV World Forestry Congress offers various registration packages with differing levels of access to events and the venue. Benefits that vary by package include the registration kit and access to sessions, the welcome reception, side events, the exhibition hall, and transportation between official hotels and the venue. For more information visit www.wfc2021korea.org.

Registration fee

REGISTRATION CATEGORY		EARLY-BIRD Until 30 November 2021	LATE-BIRD 1 December 2021 to 15 April 2022	ON-SITE 1 May to 6 May 2022
Full standard	Full access, high- and upper-middle-income countries	KRW 510 000	KRW 850 000	KRW 940 000
Complimentary Congress registration (non-transferable)	Full access, low- and lower-middle-income countries	KRW 320 000	KRW 550 000	KRW 610 000
Logo on WFC 2021 Website (sponsors' page)	Up to 3 days, high- and upper-middle-income countries	KRW 340 000	KRW 560 000	KRW 620 000
PR materials in Congress bag (prepared by sponsor)	Up to 3 days, low- and lower-middle-income countries	KRW 220 000	KRW 370 000	KRW 400 000
Advertisements in Congress handbook	Students and retirees, all countries	KRW 200 000	KRW 340 000	KRW 380 000
Logo on Congress bags (inside)	Companions of participants	KRW 120 000	KRW 210 000	KRW 230 000



Benefits by registration category

CATEGORY	REGISTRATION KIT	SESSION ACCESS	WELCOME RECEPTION	SIDE EVENTS	EXHIBITION	TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN OFFICIAL HOTELS AND VENUE
Full standard	V	V	V	V	V	V
Full special	V	V	V	V	V	V
Partial standard	V	V		V	V	V
Partial special	V	V		V	V	V
Student/retiree	V	V	V	V	V	V
Companion	V		V		V	V
Day pass		V		V	V	V
On-site registration	V	V		V	V	V

Please note that the registration fee does not cover the closing dinner.

Financial assistance for participants from low-income countries

The Congress Secretariat is encouraging participation from low-income countries by providing financial assistance to those who are otherwise unable to participate due to financial constraints. Participants may request financial support by emailing the support team at registration@wfc2021korea.org.

Those interested in donating to support such participation may do so while completing the online registration form at <https://wfc2021korea.org/sub04/registration.html>.



BECOME A SPONSOR

Help make the Congress an inclusive and exciting opportunity for all* by becoming a sponsor. Five levels – Diamond (the highest), Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze – are available, with the level attained determining brand presence. There are also specialized sponsorship packages available, which can be tailored to an organization's needs. Sponsorship includes complementary Congress registrations. More information is available at <https://wfc2021korea.org/sub05/sponsors.html>.

BENEFIT	DIAMOND	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
	KRW 100 000 000 (Approx. USD 85 000)	KRW 50 000 000 (Approx. USD 42 000)	KRW 30 000 000 (Approx. USD 25 000)	KRW 20 000 000 (Approx. USD 17 000)	KRW 10 000 000 (Approx. USD 8 500)
Complimentary stand in Exhibition Hall (based on Stand Package 1)	6 stands (9m x 6m)	4 stands (6m x 6m)	2 stands (6m x 3m)	1 stand (3m x 3m)	1 stand (3m x 3m)
Complimentary Congress registration (Non-transferable)	25	15	10	5	1
Logo on WFC 2021 website (sponsors' page)	●	●	●	●	Name only
PR materials in Congress bag (prepared by sponsor)	3 materials	2 materials	1 material	–	–
Advertisements inside Congress handbook	Inner 2 pages	Inner 1 page	Inner 1/2 page	–	–
Meeting room during the Congress	●	●	–	–	–
Logo on Congress bags (inside)	●	●	–	–	–



Hold an exhibition!

Organizations and institutions can book exhibition booths at the Congress to showcase their policies and projects, present innovative technologies, network, and build partnerships. The state-of-the-art exhibition hall will be accessible to all participants throughout the Congress. Various packages are available, and booths can be customized. Applications can be made until 31 December 2021 at <https://wfc2021korea.org/sub05/exhibits.html>.

* A portion of sponsorship fees will be used to bring stakeholders to the Congress who otherwise might lack the means to attend.

FIELD TRIPS AND TOURS



Field trips

Field trips will take place on Wednesday 4 May as part of the official Congress programme. All registered participants may apply to visit one of six locations near Seoul, with a total of 200 places available on a first come, first served basis. Field-trip participants may choose to visit one of six sites from among a tree nursery, an arboretum, a natural recreation forest, and other sites that explore Congress sub-themes and showcase the country's forest policies at work.



Tours

Tours will start on the afternoon of Friday 6 May at the conclusion of the Congress. Three options are available that vary in length: a half-day trip; a two-day, one-night trip; and a three-day, two-night trip. This unique opportunity to experience Korean history, culture, natural environment and more is available to all Congress participants. Fees apply.



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