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# UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON FORESTS



The Forum has universal membership and promotes the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests and strengthen long-term political commitment to this end.

## 20th session of the Forum (UNFF20, May 2025)

UNFF20 advanced progress toward the SDGs and strengthened multilateral cooperation by convening high-level officials, Member States, UN entities, and diverse stakeholders. Deliberations focused on thematic priorities aligned with Global Forest Goals (GFGs) 1, 3 and 5 - reversing forest loss, expanding protected and sustainably managed areas, and enhancing governance.

## 21st session of the Forum (UNFF21, May 2026)

UNFF21 will consider policy actions to accelerate the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 and its Global Forest Goals, based on the Chair's proposals of UNFF20. UNFF21 will also review outcomes of the initiatives taken by member states, examine interlinkages between the GFGs and the SDGs, the Paris Agreement, and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and hold an initial discussion on the preparations for the 2030 final review of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF).

## UN Strategic Plan for Forests and the Global Forest Goals

The UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 ([A/RES/71/285](#)) sets out six Global Forest Goals and 26 targets to guide sustainable management of all types of forests and trees, halt deforestation and forest degradation, and increase forest area by 3% by 2030. The Forum monitors progress in the implementation of the UNSPF.

We need more  
**FORESTS**



Every year, we lose

**10 million** hectares  
of the world's forests.

**75%** of the world's accessible  
freshwater comes from  
forested watersheds



Forests cover  
**31%**  
of the Earth's land,  
an area of over  
**4 billion** hectares.



The value of ecosystem services  
that are lost due to illegal logging  
and forest degradation  
could be in the **trillions.**

**40%** of the extreme poor in rural areas,  
live in **forest** and savannah  
areas.



Forests are home to  
**80%** of all land-based species.



**1/3** of the world's population, about  
**2.4 billion** people,  
use wood fuel for cooking,  
boiling water and heating.



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