
UN Entities

- Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF): https://www.fao.org/collaborative-partnership-on-forests
- Secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) - Forest Biodiversity: http://www.cbd.int/forest/
- Secretariat of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) - Sustainable Forest Management: http://www.thegef.org/topics/sustainable-forest-management
- Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
  - REDD Web Platform: http://redd.unfccc.int/
  - Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF): https://unfccc.int/topics/land-use/workstreams/land-use--land-use-change-and-forestry-lulucf
  - The UN Forest Podcast: https://unece.org/podcasts
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – Forests: https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/forests
UN Observances

- International Day of Forests – 21 March:

- International Year of Forests 2011:

Selected UN Documents


- United Nations forest instrument (A/RES/70/199, adopted on 22 December 2015):
  [http://undocs.org/A/RES/70/199](http://undocs.org/A/RES/70/199)

- Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (A/RES/62/98, 31 January 2008):

- "Forest Principles" (Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests (1992):

- Chapter 11 of Agenda 21 - Combating Deforestation:

- Documents of the UN Forum on Forests:

Further information

- Sustainable Development Goal 15 – Life on Land: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss:
  [https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal15](https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal15)
  [https://sdgs.un.org/topics/forests](https://sdgs.un.org/topics/forests)

- UN Library Vienna Research Guide - Wildlife and Forest Crime:
  [http://libraryresearch.unvienna.org/wildlifecrime](http://libraryresearch.unvienna.org/wildlifecrime)

Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials

- Secretary-General stresses need for recommitment to healthy forests for healthier livelihoods, in International Day Message (SG/SM/21177, 14 March 2022):

- Not too late to undo forest damage, Secretary-General Says, in Message for International Day, while warning 'we risk a point of no return (SG/SM/20635, 19 March 2021):

- As wildfires, heatwaves sweep globe, urgent action key to stopping alarming rate of deforestation, Secretary-General warns at Alliance for Rainforests Event (SG/SM/19755-ENV/DEV/1994, 23 September 2019):

- As forests are 'lungs of planet', tree-planting contributes to mitigating climate change impact, Secretary-General says at event commemorating International Day (SG/SM/18945-ENV/DEV/1837-OBV/1778, 21 March 2018):


Selected publications available online


• UNECE Publications – Forests: [https://unece.org/publications/forests](https://unece.org/publications/forests)


Selected material available on forest/wildfires


• Summer wildfire season is becoming longer and more destructive than ever – The UN Forest Podcast (11 October 2023): [https://unece.org/media/news/384005](https://unece.org/media/news/384005)


• The Amazon rainforest is burning, but it is food price profiteering that really swings the axe / Inger Andersen, Opinion, The Independent, 30 August 2019: [https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/amazon-fires-rainforest-food-prices-deforestation-un-bolsonaro-a9085021.html](https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/amazon-fires-rainforest-food-prices-deforestation-un-bolsonaro-a9085021.html)