



Forests and Water | Sustain Life and Livelihoods

A 2016 joint celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day

Monday, 21 March 2016

10 a.m. – 1 p.m., ECOSOC chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

Opening Session

Featured Speakers:

- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- H.E. Oh Jooh, President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN
- H.E. Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN
- Mr. Manoel Sobral Filho, Director of the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat
- Ms. Federica Pietracci, Interim Secretary, UN –Water
- Mr. Jason Morrison, Head, CEO Water Mandate

Panel discussion on Forests, Water and Economic Development

Panelists:

- Professor Royal Gardner, Chair, Scientific and Technical Review Panel for the Ramsar Convention
- Dr. Erika Svendsen, Research Social Scientist, US Forest Service - NYC Urban Field Station
- Mr. Bram Gunther, Co-Director, Urban Field Station, NYC Parks Department
- Mr. Eduardo Mansur, Director, Land and Water Division – AGL, FAO (*tbc*)
- Speaker *tbd*, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- Speaker *tbd*, Private sector representative

General Discussion: Forest and Water are essential for the 2030 Agenda

The floor is open for statements from Member States, United Nations entities and other accredited IGOs and Major Groups