



Forests and Sustainable Cities

A 2018 celebration of the International Day of Forests

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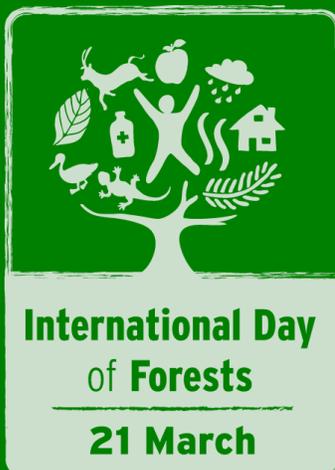
3:00 – 6:00 PM

ECOSOC CHAMBER

UNHQ, NEW YORK

The 2018 celebration of the International Day of Forests aims to raise awareness of the many contributions of forests in building sustainable cities and communities.

Urban forests, trees and parks provide multi-faceted benefits to urban communities, from cooling the environment and saving energy, to providing health benefits, drinking water and building resilience against climate change.



Opening Session

Chair: **H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob**

Chair of the 13th session of the UN Forum on Forests
Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the UN

- **H.E. Ambassador Inga Rhonda King**, Vice President of the Economic and Social Council, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the UN
- **Mr. Liu Zhenmin**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- **Dr. Manoel Sobral Filho**, Director, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat

Panel discussion

Safeguarding Forests for Sustainable Cities and Communities

Moderator: **H.E. Ambassador Koki Muli Grignon**

Vice-Chair of the 13th session of the UN Forum on Forests
Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the UN

- **Dr. Erika S. Svendsen**, Co-Director, New York City Urban Field Station
- **Ms. Jennifer Greenfeld**, Assistant Commissioner of Forestry, Horticulture, and Natural Resources, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation
- **Mr. Christopher Williams**, Director, UN-Habitat New York Office

General Discussion

Forests, Sustainable Cities and the 2030 Agenda

The floor is open for statements by Member States, United Nations entities, and accredited intergovernmental and Major Groups organisations.

