



Forests and Sustainable Cities

A 2018 celebration of the International Day of Forests

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

3:00 – 6:00 p.m., ECOSOC chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

Opening Session

Chair: **H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob**, Chair of the UNFF13 Bureau, 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 UNFF13 Bureau, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the UN

- **Ms. Jennifer Greenfeld**, Assistant Commissioner of Forestry, Horticulture, and Natural Resources, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation
- **Dr. Erika S. Svendsen**, Co-Director, New York City Urban Field Station
- **Mr. Filiep Decorte**, Director a.i. / Officer-in-Charge, UN-Habitat New York Liaison Office

General Discussion: **Forests, Sustainable Cities and the 2030 Agenda**

The floor is open for statements by Member States, UN entities and accredited IGOs and Major Groups.

