



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS

CREATE A CLIMATE SMART FUTURE

20 March 2015, 10:00 to 13:00 ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:30

Opening Session

Mr. Manoel Sobral Filho

Director, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (UNFFS)
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

H.E. Mrs. Marianne Odette Bibalou

Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of Gabonese Republic to the United Nations

Film Screening

Branching Out for a Green Economy | *UNEP short film*

Adaptation | *International Forest Short Film Festival*

The Sustainable Village of Sikles in Nepal | *UNDP short film*

10:30 – 11:00

Panel: Forest-based Solutions for Climate Mitigation and Adaptation

Mr. Narinder Kakar

Permanent Observer of IUCN at the United Nations
Member, Collaborative Partnership on Forests

Ms. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (tbc)

Director, FAO Liaison Office New York
Member, Collaborative Partnership on Forests

Mr. Melchiade Bukuru

Chief, UNCCD Liaison Office New York
Member, Collaborative Partnership on Forests

Film Screening

Togo: Forests in Focus | *UNFFS & UNTV short film*

Kyrgyzstan: Standing Tall | *UNFFS & UNTV short film*

11:00 – 13:00

Discussion: 2015 a time for global action - for forests and a climate smart future

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

Closing Remarks: **Mr. Manoel Sobral Filho**, Director, UNFFS, UNDESA