



# XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests

2-6 May 2022 | Coex, Seoul, Republic of Korea

## SETTING THE SCENE OF FORESTS AND TREES AS NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

Opening session of Subtheme 2:

**Nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation  
and biodiversity conservation**

**Monday, 2 May 2022 | Grand Ballroom 103**

2:00-3:30 Quito | 9:00-10:30 Rome | 16:00-17:30 Seoul

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### KEYNOTES



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Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

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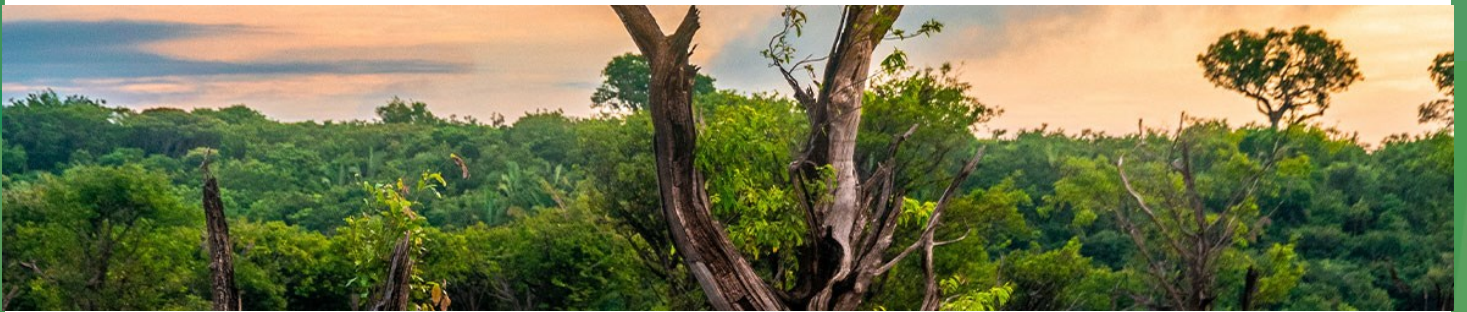
Forests contribute substantially to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to conserving biodiversity. Reducing deforestation, restoring forests, and managing trees outside of forests can also help to reduce the vulnerability of humans and ecosystems to climate change.

A multilaterally agreed definition for Nature-based Solutions (NbS) was adopted at the Fifth Session of the UN Environment Assembly in March 2022.

There is also an energetic and growing movement in public and private finance for NbS, including in the context of the UNFCCC Glasgow Climate Pact.

Furthermore, there is broad recognition that Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and other locally-operating actors, have a central role to play in achieving global commitments on climate and biodiversity.

This session will set the scene for this sub-theme by introducing the state-of-the-art in NbS and why they are critical for the planet and human wellbeing, including for more sustainable agrifood systems.



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