



WFC2015
XIV World Forestry Congress

Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable Future

7-11 SEPTEMBER 2015 Durban | South Africa

Youth build bridges for future forests

Learn, share your views and take responsibility. Join the conversation!

How can we provide food, energy and water for all? How can we avoid dangerous climate change and cope with increasing resource scarcity? How can forestry contribute to overcoming these challenges? Youth from around the globe, representing broad geographical, cultural and educational diversity will address these critical questions and invite senior experts and stakeholders to participate in an intergenerational dialogue.

The XIV World Forestry Congress (XIV WFC) is an opportunity for youth to build bridges between sectors, regions, cultures and generations and to brainstorm ways to improve the management of natural resources. It's also a possibility to remind all stakeholders that investing in education and meaningful engagement furthers the common good: sustainable development and a peaceful co-existence on earth. Youth involvement is a priority at this congress. Take this opportunity and engage!

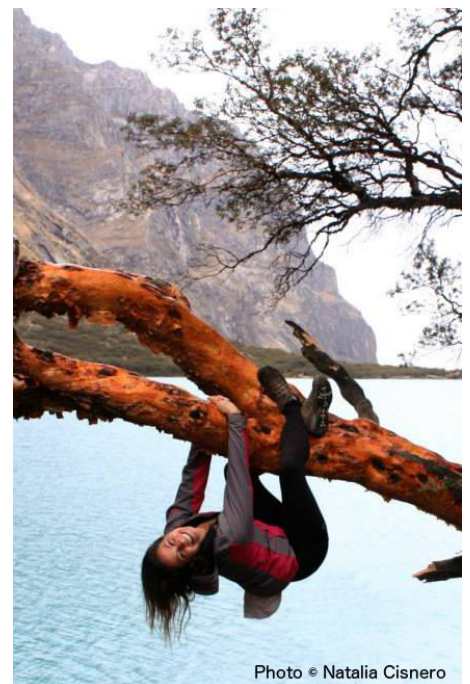


Photo © Natalia Cisnero

Take part at the XIV WFC:

Setting the Stage: engage, speak out, and be heard

Come together meeting. Sunday 6 September 2015

The youth delegation will be welcomed to the Congress during this pre-Congress orientation in which they will learn how to effectively participate in a congress and organize for the week's activities.

Building Bridges - halt deforestation and forest degradation through sustainable use of resources and cross-sectoral approaches for the benefit of people, climate and nature.

Workshop. Monday 7 September 2015

Using case studies of deforestation and forest degradation, young people and senior experts will discuss how young people are affecting and affected by forest loss. The workshop will also brainstorm how education and the involvement of younger generations can help build bridges between sectors, regions and generations to increase sustainability and equitable distribution of natural resources.

Forests for the Future: The role of youth engagement and education to benefit people, climate and nature.

Special event Tuesday 8 September 2015

Organized by young people with the aim of bringing youth perspectives to the Congress, this special event will address some critical questions, such as what kind of training and education is necessary for youth to be prepared for integrated land use management? How is traditional knowledge key in addressing future challenges in the use of forests and natural resources? How can we improve the integration of younger generations in the formulation and implementation of policies, projects and programmes?

Be a youth speaker at the Congress

If you are 18-35 and actively involved in a youth-led initiative or project created to benefit people, forests and the environment, you can enter the contest to become a youth speaker at the Congress. Find out more at the #Forests2015 blog: forests2015.wordpress.com

Raise your voice

Attend all sessions at the World Forestry Congress. Actively contribute to the discussions at all WFC sessions! Make yourself heard in this global, intergenerational discourse. There are special rates for youth to attend the Congress: www.wfc2015.org.za

Take part online:

Social media enthusiast or can't make it to South Africa? Here's how you can take part virtually:

Participate in the blog competition

Submit a blog post about your forestry project to the #Forests2015 blog competition. The top ten posts will be chosen by the online public and a panel of judges will give the final scores. Find out more on the #Forests2015 blog: forests2015.wordpress.com

Join the #forests2015 social media team

All #youth are encouraged to join the social media team! In the run up to and during the WFC, you can participate in discussions remotely, help with the social media outreach or even report via a live webcast. The only requirement is enthusiasm about forestry, agroforestry, sustainable development or natural resource management. To join, send an email to Peter Casier – p.casier@cgiar.org

Meet Youth Ambassador – Paul Gbadebo

Paul Gbadebo, the XIV World Forestry Congress Youth Ambassador, is an actor, model and international fitness trainer. His childhood forays into the forests of central Italy, where the Cuban-Nigerian grew up, still inspire him. The forests offered him a place to run and feel strong, which later fed his athletic aspirations to become a trainer.



Contact:

The XIV World Forestry Congress Youth Team

WFC-XIV-Info@fao.org

Yemi Adeyeye, Katherine Clyne, Sebastian Nagenborg, Yolanda Ntlakaza, Eva Von Schoenebeck