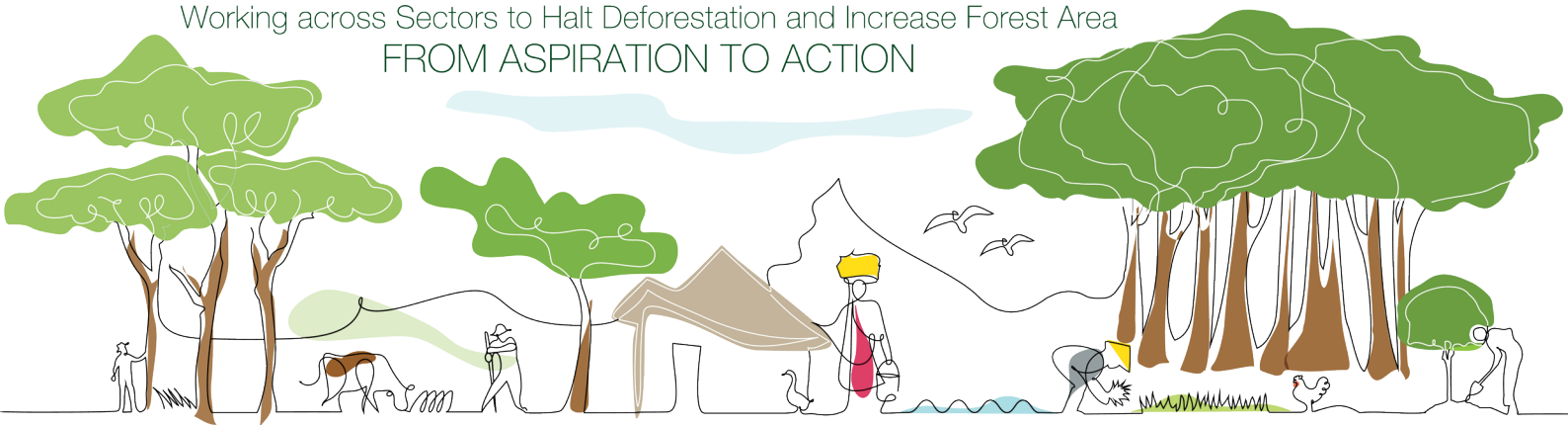


Working across Sectors to Halt Deforestation and Increase Forest Area
FROM ASPIRATION TO ACTION



Youth uniting sectors to halt deforestation - capacity development workshop

Monday, February 19, 9:00-17:30, Austria Room & Ethiopia Room

Lead Organizations: International Forestry Students Association (IFSA), Global Landscapes Forum (GLF), Collaborative Partnerships on Forests (CPF)

Focal point (lead person): Khalil Walji, (IFSA/FAO) Salina Abraham (IFSA/GLF)

Youth and young people are integral to the scaling up of promising landscape level restoration efforts and successful outreach and transmission of these methods to the local level. As most pressing landscape challenges of today are intergenerational, we are offering a 1-day youth session to offer students from multiple sectors, mainly: forestry (IFSA), agriculture (YPARD, IAAS, CSAYN) and biodiversity (GYBN), the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills, integrate specific roles for the combating deforestation conference, and contribute to drafting a work plan for youth contributions to the UN Strategic Plan for Forests for 2017-2030 (UNSPF).

The session will foremost provide training to youth participants on three integral components of combating deforestation; the landscape approach, gender and Indigenous Peoples Consultation through workshops facilitated by experts. Further, the session will serve as an organizing session for delegates to create a communication and reporting strategy for the 3- day conference, and organize rapporteur duties. A 2-hour consultation and planning meeting will also be organized to allow input from various youth stakeholders into the Major Group Children and Youth (MGCY) work plan to the UNSPF. This consultation aims to produce concrete, thought out implementation strategies to be expanded on, and finalized through presentation to the member states of the UN Forum on Forests in May 2018. In all, the session will meaningfully integrate youth into the CPF conference events through concrete roles, while facilitating youth development and training, with the ultimate goal of empowering young people to act and accelerate progress towards the various global forest goals and SDGs.

Expected/ideal outcome of the session:

Improve understanding of how

- Extended reach and awareness of the landscape approach through the global youth community.
- Increased awareness of the challenges facing gender equality and indigenous rights.
- Support the delivery of concrete actions within the UNFF MGCY 2018-2020 work plan and aid in the sustainable management of the world's forests for present and future generations.
- Heightened online reach and awareness of the conference and its outcomes, to stimulate and facilitate discussion beyond the 4 days.
- Further concrete collaboration among young leaders and increased cross-sectoral understanding.

Programme for the session (draft)

Time	Session Description	Speakers	Location
9:00 - 10:00	Keynote & Opening	Khalil Walji (IFSA) : Kai Lintunen (FFA), Alexander Buck (IUFRO), Jeffrey Campbell (FAO), Tim Christophersen(UNEP), Salina Abraham (IFSA)	Austria Room
10:00 -10:30	Coffee Break		Blue Cafe
10:30 - 11:50	Think Landscape - get restoration ready	Professor Cora Van Oosten. Wag. U	Ethiopia Room
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		FAO Canteen
13:00 - 14:15	Gender in Forestry Training	Taylor Tondelli, FAO	Ethiopia Room
14:15 - 15:30	MGCY Planning Session	Jesse Mahoney, Steffen Dehn (IFSA), Salina A (IFSA/GLF)	Ethiopia Room
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break		Blue Cafe
16:00 – 17:00	MGCY Planning Session	Jesse Mahoney, Steffen Dehn (IFSA), Salina Abraham (IFSA/GLF)	Ethiopia Room
17:00 - 18:00	Training and preparation for CDC roles (CORE TEAM ONLY)	Khalil Walji (IFSA/FAO)	India Room

Preparation of session summary/report to Plenary:

A rapporteur will prepare a short report highlighting main points and key messages and will be presented to the plenary by the Youth speaker.