

# Global student networking and green jobs in the forest sector

## A joint EFI-IFSA-IUFRO capacity building project

### Background

The forest sector has been facing significant changes over the years including globalization, digitalization, changing societal demands and climate change. Thus, the nature of employment in this sector is shifting. Occupational demands keep changing, and the newly evolving “green jobs” promote sustainable development as well as the general well-being of the people. For students, our future decision makers, these developments offer a broader potential professional spectrum, and they will need adequate training to be equipped with the skills

required for the new jobs. We do not know of the extent of the changes in employment, as well as the level of preparedness of students. This project will investigate the transforming employment trends in the forest sector while putting special focus on the perspective of students and recent graduates from around the world. It will further explore ways to prepare future foresters for the expected changes.

### Objectives

- To provide insight into the future of the forest sector labour market through analysis of global employment trends and competence needs
- To facilitate global networking among future leaders and decision makers, and
- To conduct a comprehensive capacity building programme for forest students and young scientists.

### Our approach

- Innovative student-based empirical global research on the future of employment in the forest sector
- Capacity building and student engagement in science-policy processes via an annual traineeship program
- Young Scientists Initiative and outreach for early career researchers from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America
- Partnerships and collaborations with governments, relevant international organizations and private sector
- Global networking of students and early career professionals, fostering collaboration among various capacity building initiatives and providing relevant career information.

### QUICK FACTS

#### Host

EFI: European Forestry Institute (Bonn)

#### Partners

IFSA: International Forestry Students' Association

IUFRO: International Union of Forest Research Organizations

#### Timeframe

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