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Forest policy from youth by youth

1-3 December 2022 | Online

The Youth Forest Policy Days (YFPD) are organized by IFSA and FOREST EUROPE. They will enable the youth community to exchange knowledge and gain more insights about international forest policies.

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What are the YFPDs?

The **Youth Forest Policy Days** are an outstanding initiative organized by the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA) and FOREST EUROPE. They will enable the youth community to exchange knowledge and gain more insights about international forest policies.

IFSA has been emphasizing the need to put Youth voices in the center of the policy fields as well as advocating for better forest education and taking learning beyond the classroom. This event brings the policy field to life with inspiring experts, motivated youth and concrete learning opportunities.

We wish to highlight the importance of the youth as well as provide young people with sufficient knowledge, raise awareness and inspire them to take action.

The event is divided into three days: Workshop Day on the 1st of December, Conference Day on the 2nd of December, and a climate negotiation simulation on the 3rd of December.





- **The Workshop Day** consists of two sessions, focusing on capacity building and soft skills. Participants can select the topic of interest; having the possibility to ask questions and engage in further discussions. The topics covered are public speaking, digitalization in the forest sector, and event organization. Additionally, networking will play an important role, and a "Living Library" is organized to let participants come into direct contact with different real-life career stories.
- The Conference Day is content-oriented and divided into several sessions. These include plenary sessions on capacity building of the main organizations and processes related to international forest policies, the implementation of forest policies including best practices around the globe, and the role of the youth. During the parallel sessions, participants can choose if they want to learn more about Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), halting deforestation or forest restoration. The question of how forest finances contribute to the implementation of forest policies and what the role of the private sector is will be addressed in a panel discussion in the afternoon. This event is also building on the core recommendations of the <u>Youth Call for Action (YCA)</u>, presented at the XV World Forestry Congress earlier this year.
- At the climate negotiation simulation, you can directly make use of the learnt skills. You will have the opportunity to attend a two hours session offered by <u>Climate Interactive</u> and be part of an interactive, role-playing game which will help you explore the different stakeholders and solutions that need to come together to take action on climate change. You will represent different stakeholder groups and together you will try to establish a concrete plan to limit global warming. Through a climate simulator, it will be possible to rapidly assess the impacts of different solutions to climate change, e.g. energy supply subsidies, energy efficiency, or land use changes.







Why should I join?

The event offers you many unique opportunities.

- During the Workshop Day, you can interact with experts, learn skills outside of the usual curriculum and network with fellow students or early career scientists.
- The Living Library format is inspiring and will make you aware of the obstacles, challenges or solutions other people faced in their professional lives.
- During the Conference Day, you have the opportunity to learn more about the importance of global forest policies, what they achieved, but also where their limitations are. You will interact directly with high-level speakers who are ready to your questions and you will have the opportunity to discuss forest-related topics in more detail with them
- The Youth Call for Action section offers a great opportunity for engagement and idea exchange.

And last but not least: it is virtual and free of charge, so without any effort, you have the chance to learn and meet other great fellows from around the world.

"Make sure you are active and ready to shape your own future - otherwise, others will shape it for you!"







Agenda Overview 1-3 December, 2022 | Time Zone: UTC+1

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Conference Day 2 December, 2022 | Time Zone: UTC+1

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Climate Negotiations 3 December, 2022 | Time Zone: UTC+1

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