



XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests

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



Korea Forest Service



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



XV WFC Introduction

- The Congress is held every 6 years
- Government of Republic of South Korea - as the host - is organizing and financing the Congress
- FAO is in charge of the technical programme and planning of the related events
- Largest and most significant gathering of global forest sector
- Crucial timing as the world enters new era – COVID-19, Decade of Action, Decade for Ecosystem Restoration, Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework
- Participation is open for all countries, regions and sectors, public and private organizations, and civil society
- **Registration required**





Programme Focus

Building a green, healthy and resilient future with forests

Contribution of forests to inclusive and sustainable national & global rebuilding efforts following the pandemic

Recognizing the role of forests in the achievement of internationally agreed global goals – *2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement, Biodiversity and Restoration targets*,

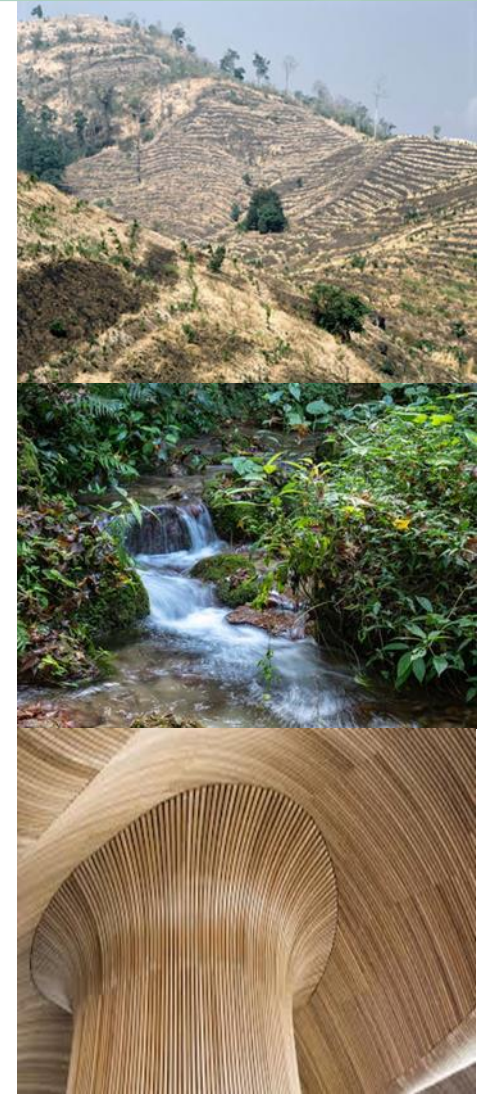
Proposing innovative solutions for forest sector-specific challenges including financing





XV WFC Sub-themes

1. Turning the tide: reversing deforestation and forest degradation
2. Nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation and biodiversity conservation
3. The green pathway to growth and sustainability
4. Forests and human health: revisiting the connections
5. Managing and communicating forest information and knowledge
6. Forests without boundaries: enhancing management and cooperation





Programme features

- **5 parallel technical sessions** for 6 sub-theme discussions
- **4 plenary sessions** [*incl. ecosystem restoration, forest and health, forest products*]
- **15 special events** [*incl. high-level fora, sustainable investments, rural finance, forest fire, circular bioeconomy, green energy*]
- **> 150 accepted side events**
- **Additional features** [*posters, speaker's corner, networking, exhibition, field trip*]





The Schedule

Sunday 1 May		Monday 2 May		Tuesday 3 May		Wednesday 4 May		Thursday 5 May		Friday 6 May	
08:00	08:30	SOFO Launch		Poster session		Launch space/Poster session		Poster session			
08:30	09:00										
09:00	09:30										
09:30	10:00	Opening Ceremony		Ministerial forum on financing for forests		Plenary session 3 The most ancient raw material taking us to the future		Special event The future is now: "Investing" in young forestry professionals & career development		Side events and Partner meetings	
10:00	10:30							Side events and Partner meetings			
10:30	11:00	Photo op. & press conference									
11:00	11:30										
11:30	12:00	High-level dialogue		Parallel sessions for 6 sub-themes		Parallel sessions for 6 sub-themes		Special event The contribution of forest circular bioeconomy to sustainable development		Special event Rural finance and forest and farm producers' enterprises at the centre of the 'green recovery'	
12:00	12:30							Poster session and Speakers' Corner			
12:30	13:00	Side events and Partner meetings		Special event Peace Forest Initiative		Side events and Partner meetings		Parallel sessions for 6 sub-themes			
13:00	13:30							Wangari Maathai Award			
13:30	14:00							Special event The champions' view – panel of Wangari Maathai Award winners			
14:00	14:30							Networking			
14:00	15:00	Plenary session 1 UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration – 10 years to heal the planet		Plenary session 2 Forests for a healthier and prosperous world		Special event Forests in a post COVID-19 world		Special event Sustainable forests and green energy			
15:00	15:30					Networking					
15:30	16:00										
16:00	16:30										
16:30	17:00	Parallel session for 6 sub-themes		Parallel sessions for 6 sub-themes							
17:00	17:30										
17:30	18:00										
18:00	18:30	Special event CPF Dialogue (closed)									
18:30	19:00										
19:00	19:30										
19:30	20:00	Welcome cocktail		Networking		Side events and Partner meetings		Closing dinner			
20:00	20:30										
20:30	21:00										
21:00	21:30										
21:30	22:00										



Voluntary contributions – Papers, posters and videos

- Calls for abstracts were announced in 2020 and 2021 for papers, posters and videos.
- 2 000+ abstracts and videos were submitted and reviewed by forestry experts.
- 1 400+ abstracts passed the abstract screening to submit full complete versions of papers or posters.
- Full submissions and videos are currently under review.
- Speakers will be selected from accepted contributions.



Title

Voluntary contributions for the XV World Forestry Congress

Sustainable Forest¹, Healthy Landscape²

¹[Institution of Forest, email and brief contact details on one line]

²[Global forest health monitor, brief contact details on one line]

Abstract

[The abstract should have a maximum of 2,000 characters, including spaces and punctuation and should summarise the main points of the paper. The font should be Calibri, font size 10 pt. The abstract should not include any figures, tables or extra headers. Ensure this abstract text is identical to the one inserted in the online submission platform.]

Keywords: [Up to five keywords can be added here.]

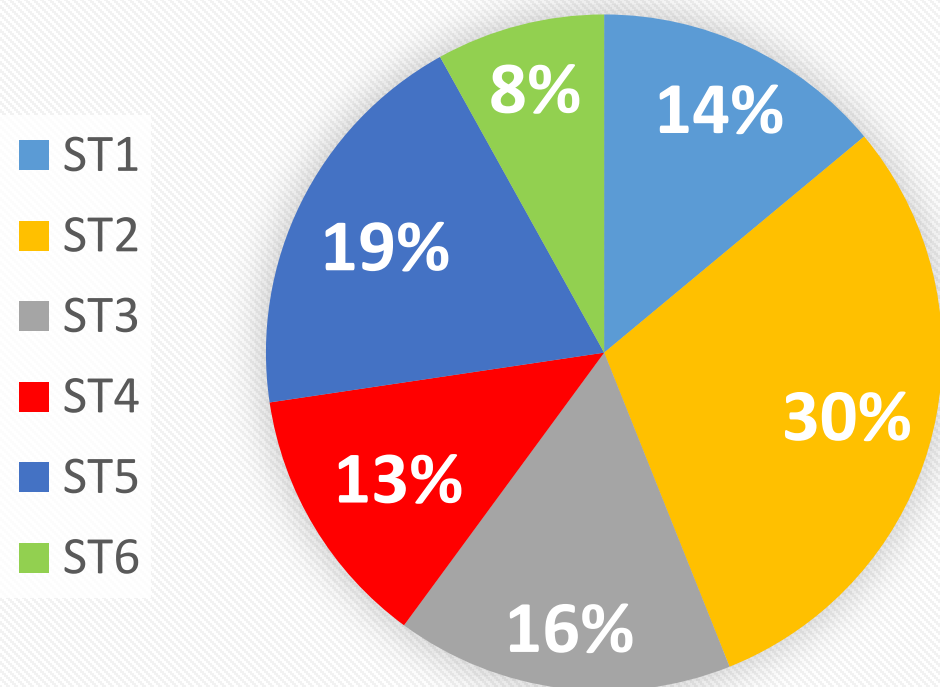
Introduction, scope and main objectives





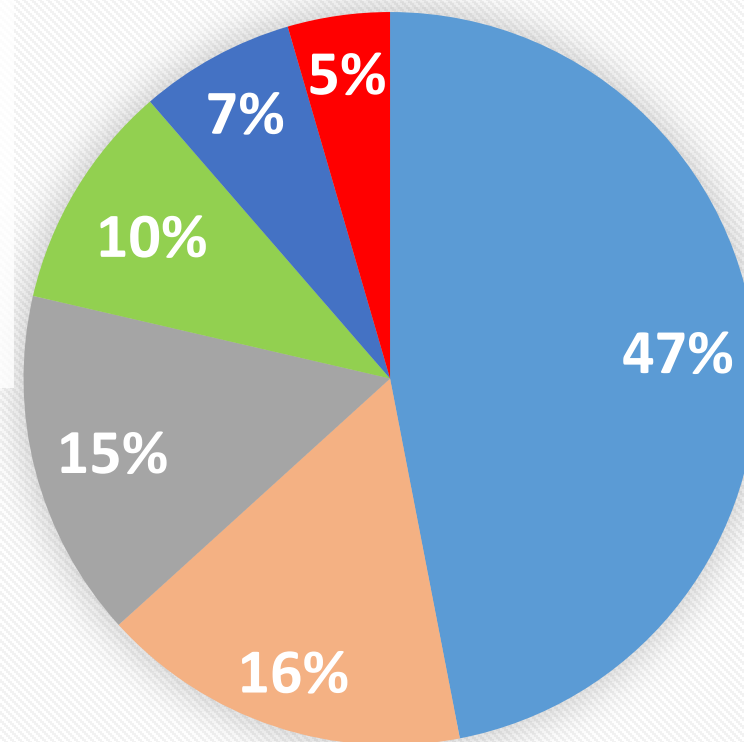
Submissions

Sub-theme selection



Geographical coverage of work

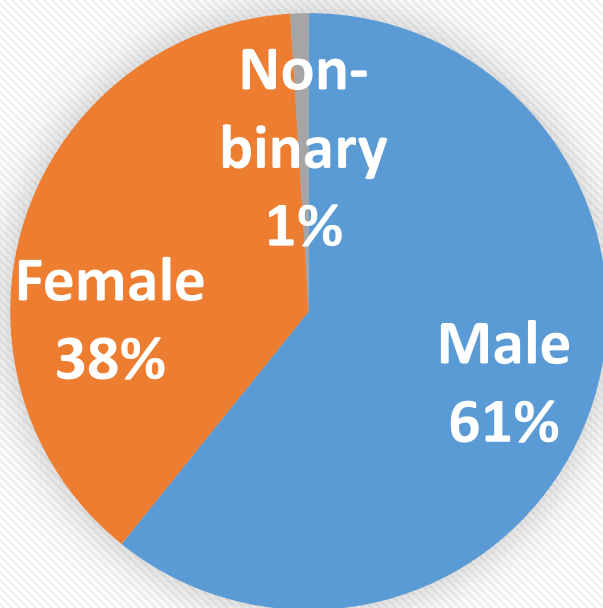
- Asia and the Pacific
- Africa
- Latin America & Caribbean
- Europe
- North America
- Near East



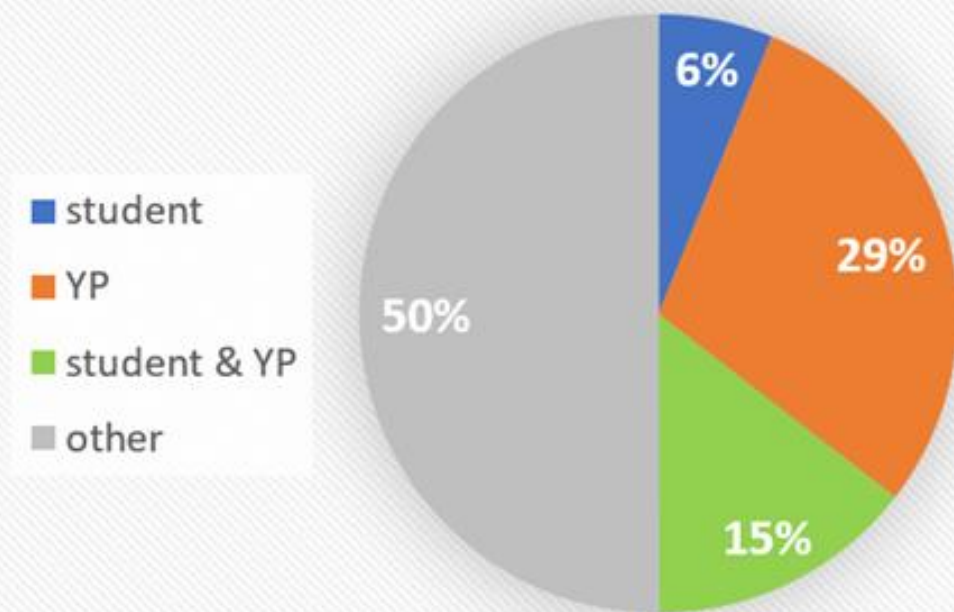


Submissions

Gender



Categories of main authors





Voluntary contributions – Papers, posters and videos

Actions	Dates
Notification of video review results	29 November 2021
Review of full papers/ posters	15 November 2021 – 7 January 2022
Selection of papers and posters for presentation at the Congress	1 January – 15 January 2022
Notification of papers/ posters review results	15 January 2022
Confirmation of participation ready by authors	15 January – 17 February 2022





Outreach activities

WFC VIDEO TRAILER



- Time Square
- Arirang
- CNN/BBC

COMPETITIONS / CAMPAIGNS



NEWSLETTERS



SOCIAL MEDIA



WORLD FOREST VOICES BLOG

Recent blogs



WFC contributions from youth and young professionals: papers, posters, and videos

Thank you to everyone who submitted abstracts for papers or posters and videos for the World Forestry Congress! Following the closure of calls for contributions and kickstarting of reviewing, the contributions to the XV World...



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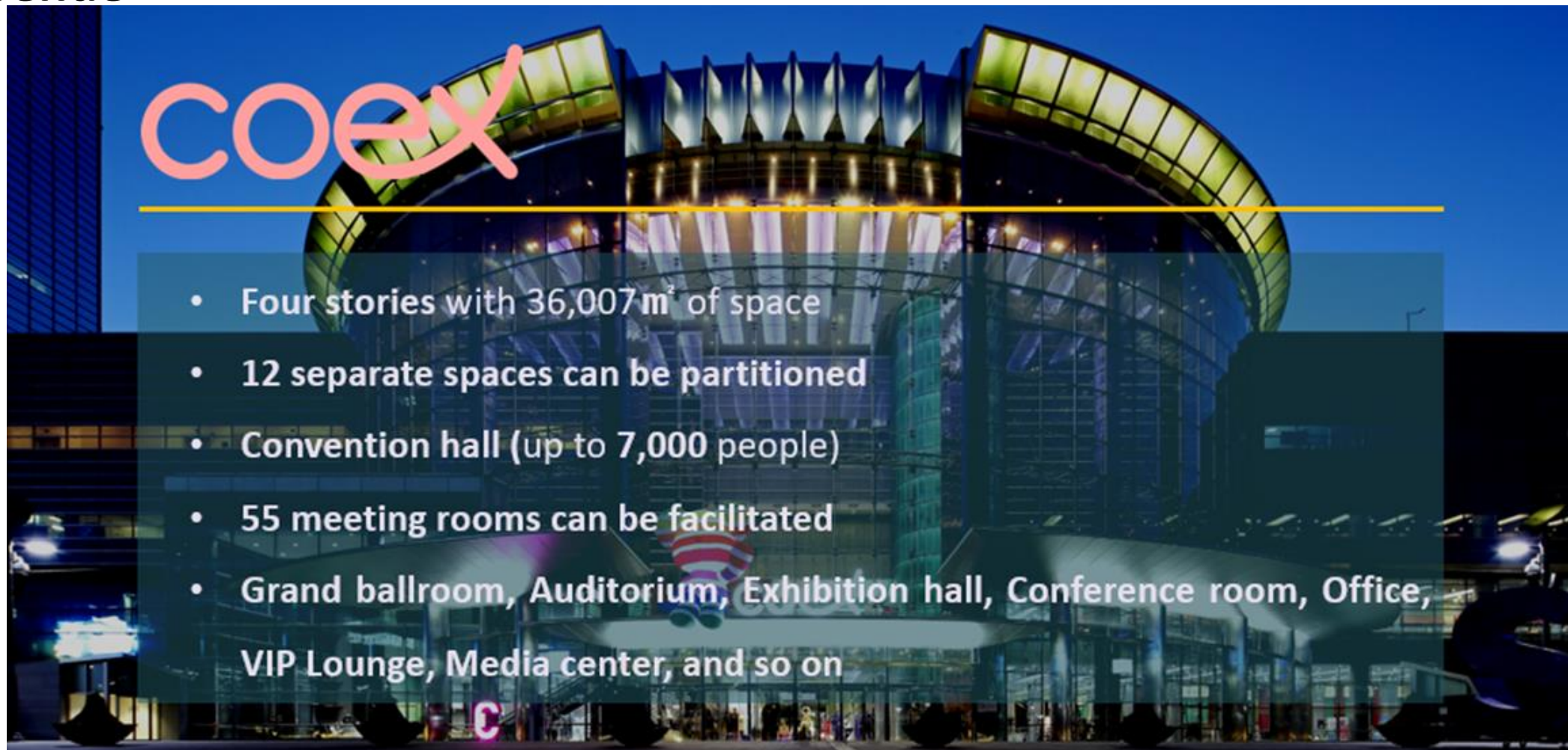
Youth Engagement

- Led by Youth Outreach Liaison Consultant, together with **WFC youth partners**
- **Regional youth consultations** for WFC youth declaration, January – March 2022 (led by UNFF/MGCY)
- Empowering Youth and Young Professionals **Webinar Series**, June 2021 – May 2022
- WFC Green Mentor Program launched – over **450** applications from youth, **still looking for Mentors!** Deadline extended for Mentors to 19 November. Link here -> **bit.ly/PLTCWFC**





The venue



Fully prepared to observe health regulations!



Upcoming deadlines...

- Deadline for PLT Canada / WFC Green Mentor Program application – **19 November 2021**
- Deadline for Early-bird Registration – **30 November 2021**
- Deadline for Exhibition stand – **31 December 2021**

Financial support information soon to be released on
www.wfc2021korea.org.





Points for consideration

The Commission may wish to:

- **Identify** key areas and messages for the WFC outcomes
- **Recommend** ways and means to collaborate with relevant global processes and instruments and to create synergies including implementing the WFC's outcomes
- **Invite** countries to support the XV World Forestry Congress by encouraging and facilitating good attendance, and encourage countries to provide financial support to the Congress



**Thank you, and look forward to seeing you
in Seoul, Republic of Korea in 2022!**

