

Forests and Education

A 2019 celebration of the International Day of Forests

Thursday, 21 March 2019

10:00 am – 1:00 p.m., ECOSOC chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

OPENING SESSION: **Opening Remarks**

Chair: Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, DESA

H.E Ambassador Inga Rhonda King, President of the Economic and Social Council, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the UN (tbc)

Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, DESA

OPENING SESSION: **Multimedia Presentation**

Lower Eastside Girls Club, New York, USA

Las Fotos Project, Los Angeles, USA

Club Balam, Chiapas, Mexico

PANEL DISCUSSION: **Forests and Education: Global and urban perspectives**

Chair: Ms. Afsa Kemitale, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, DESA

Moderator: Ms Mita Sen, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, DESA

Ms. Carla Mucavi, Director, FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations in New York

Mr. David O'Connor, Permanent Observer of IUCN to the United Nations

Mr. Zhang Wei, Director General, Three-North Shelterbelt Development Bureau, China

Dr. Erika S. Svendsen, Co-Director, New York City Urban Field Station

GENERAL DISCUSSION: **Forests & Education: Sharing knowledge for a Sustainable Future**

Chair: Mr. Juwang Zhu, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, DESA

Statements by Member States, UN entities and accredited IGOs and Major Groups.