



**TUESDAY**

**4 April 2023**

**10 a.m – 1 p.m. EDT**

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To seize the opportunity of the ongoing preparations for the SDG Summit in September 2023, and considering the current global economic situation, from the prospect for a global recession to increased energy and commodity prices, the Bureau of the eighteenth session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF18) decided to convene this event.

In preparation for the event, the UNFF Secretariat, in collaboration with FAO, IUFRO and UNDP prepared a concise Issue Brief to inform the discussions at the event.

The event aims to present an overview of the key global trends on forests, energy, and livelihoods, and showcase the important contributions of forests and sustainable management of forests to energy, livelihoods, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

## **Building on the nexus of forests, energy, and livelihoods to accelerate achievement of the SDGs**

### **OPENING SESSION**

- Welcome remarks by H.E. Ambassador Zéphyrin Maniratanga, UNFF18 Chair
- Brief introduction on the key points of the Issue Brief on Forests, Energy, and Livelihoods by Ms. Juliette Biao, Director, UNFF Secretariat, UN DESA
- Keynote speech by Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

### **PANEL AND INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS**

Moderator: Ms. Juliette Biao, Director of the UNFF Secretariat

- H.E. Mr. Nicolas de Rivièrè, Permanent Representative of France to the UN in New York (tbc)
- H.E. Mr. Ronaldo Costa Filho, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the UN in New York
- UNFF Women Major Group
- Dr Sherif Ayoub, Senior Director, Finance and Operations, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)
- Dr. Nelson Grima, Project Manager, International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)
- Ms. Françoise Van de Ven, President, International Tropical Timber Technical Association

#### **Interactive Discussions**

- Comments by Mr. Zhimin Wu, Director of FAO Forestry Division, and Chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)
- Wrap-up of the panel discussions by the Moderator
- Closing remarks by H.E. Ambassador Zéphyrin Maniratanga, UNFF18 Chair

For more information about the event, including the Issue Brief see:

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