

International Union of Forest Research Organizations

IUFRO Meeting Report Form

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1) IUFRO focal person/meeting organizer:

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2) Meeting data:

Full title of the meeting: IUFRO Division 7 webinar for the International Day of Women and Girls in Science

Date and venue: 12-13 February 2024, online

Meeting website: <https://div7idwgs.carlamani.com/?page=0>

Number of participants: 215

Countries represented: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Czechia, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, UK, USA, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Vietnam.

3) Organization of the meeting:

All IUFRO Units involved: Division 7

Host organization(s) and sponsor(s): Natural Resources Canada, University of Pretoria, Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute.

Study tour(s) to:

4) Meeting report (max. 100 words per paragraph)

a) Background information (meeting context)

The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated on the 11th of February. To recognize the contribution women make to forest health research, Division 7 organized a webinar event made up of three two-hour sessions to highlight the work of 21 female researchers. This event was free and online. The times of the three sessions were chosen so that people in every time zone could attend at least one session. Speakers were chosen to represent the diversity of our community in terms of geography (North America: 3 speakers, South America: 3 speakers, Europe: 2 speakers, Africa: 4 speakers, Asia: 4 speakers, Oceania: 3 speakers) and career stage. Out of 19 speakers, 15 used English as a second or third language and 12 worked at research institutes within the Global South.

b) Key issues discussed/latest findings in the field (bullet points or text)

Most of the speakers presented their research on topics related to forest pests and pathogens, forest ecology, soil microbiome, invasion biology and climate change. Two of the speakers also

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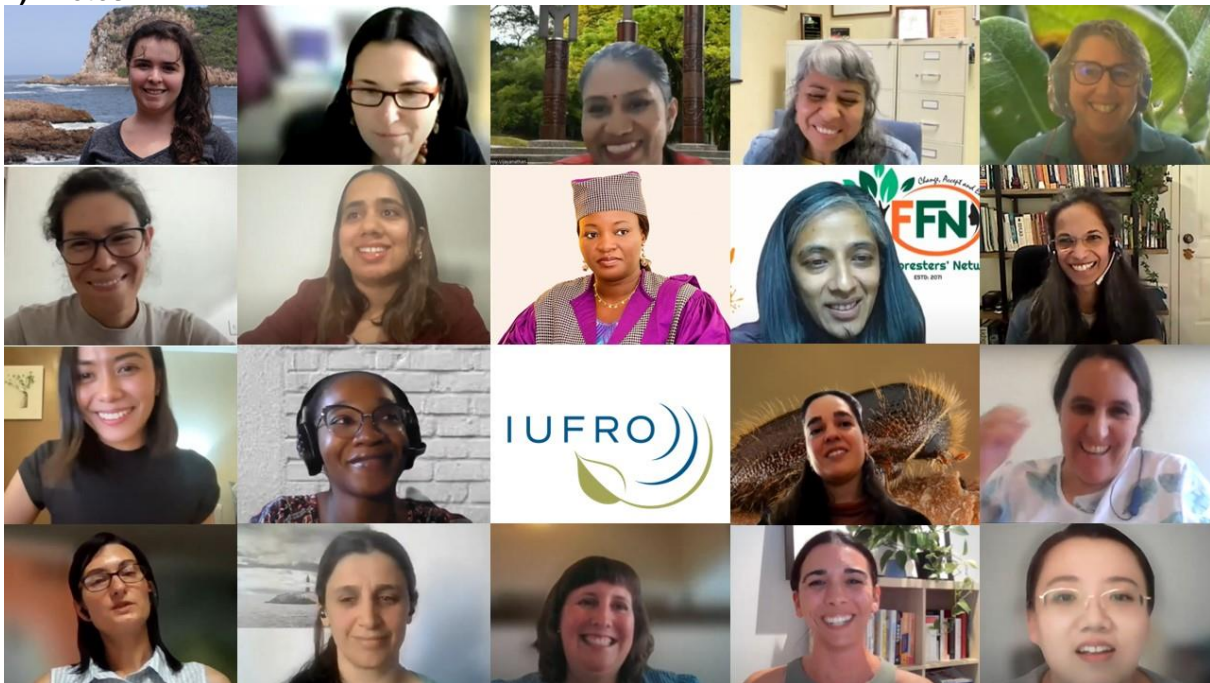
gave presentations on gender-related issues in academia and in the forestry sector in Benin and Nepal.

c) Conclusions (if possible, summarize key conclusions across presentations):

Many of the speakers highlighted that the field of forest health research would greatly benefit from an increase in data availability and standardization. This observation was made regarding records of the spread of invasive species at the local, regional, and continental scales. Other speakers also highlighted the importance of publishing sequencing data from small scale studies to facilitate large scale phylogenetic studies focused on pathogen evolution.

d) Outlook to future activities (proceedings, future meetings, other): The event was recorded and will be posted on YouTube. Due to the positive feedback already received by Division 7 following this event, we intend to repeat this event in 2025. Additionally, some of the speakers will be attending the 26th IUFRO World Congress in Stockholm. We are discussing the possibility of organizing an in-person meeting during the world congress to allow the speakers to meet in person and to strengthen the relationships that this event helped create.

4) Photos



*Caption: The 19 speakers who presented their work on Forest Health.
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5) Other information:

a) Communication activities (dissemination of information about the meeting; promotion of IUFRO)

The promotion of this event was made through the forpath and forent mailing lists, personal networks and Division 7 social media pages (X, facebook and LinkedIn). An introduction to IUFRO was given at the beginning of each session.

b) Related publications /websites The event was recorded and was posted on YouTube:

Session 1:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kfRIAjdyI&list=PLEiQAQowzgQmTi1sdbMSkNmXUX5FR5YmbI>

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Session 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD9jQlfoE&list=PLEiQAOWzgQmTi1sdbMSkNmXUX5FR5YmbI&index=2>

Session 3:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAvyRymTldo>

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