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# Forests at the heart of Sustainable Development

## High-level conference

This conference has been organized under the auspices of the European Parliamentary Alliance on the Fight against Hunger.

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### *Opening remarks:*

MEP **Benedek Jávor** (The Greens / EFA)

### *Opening keynotes:*

- **Karmenu Vella**, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Maria Helena Semedo**, FAO Deputy Director-General for Climate and Natural Resources
- Video message by **Phil Hogan**, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development

### *Panel 1: Uncovering forests' contribution to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*

Moderated by MEP **Jo Leinen** (S&D)

- **Adrian Bebb**, Senior Campaigner for Food, Agriculture and Biodiversity Programme, Friends of the Earth Europe
- **Thais Linhares-Juvenal**, Team Leader Forest Governance and Economics, Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

- **Anke Schulmeister-Oldenhove**, Senior Forest Policy Officer, WWF European Policy Office

## ***Panel 2: Intra-EU forest policies and sustainable forest management***

Moderated by MEP **José Inácio Faria** (EPP)

- **Andrea Vettori**, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment (DG ENV)
- **Luc Bas**, Director of European Regional Office, IUCN
- **Bernard de Galember**, Innovation and Bioeconomy Director, Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI)
- **Christine Farcy**, Chair of the European Forestry Commission and Senior Research Fellow, UCLouvain

## ***Panel 3: Sustainable forest management for sustainable development: the way forward***

Moderated by MEP **Heidi Hautala** (The Greens / EFA)

- **Marjeta Jager**, Deputy Director-General, European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO)
- **Mette Wilkie**, Director, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Massimiliano Paolucci**, Special Representative to the European Union, World Bank
- **Hannah Mowat**, Campaigns Coordinator, FERN

## ***Closing Keynote:***

**Jeffrey Sachs**, Professor, Economist and Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General on the SDGs

## ***Closing remarks:***

MEP **Benedek Jávor** (The Greens / EFA)

Each panel will feature a Q & A session, in order to facilitate an interactive and constructive discussion with the audience.

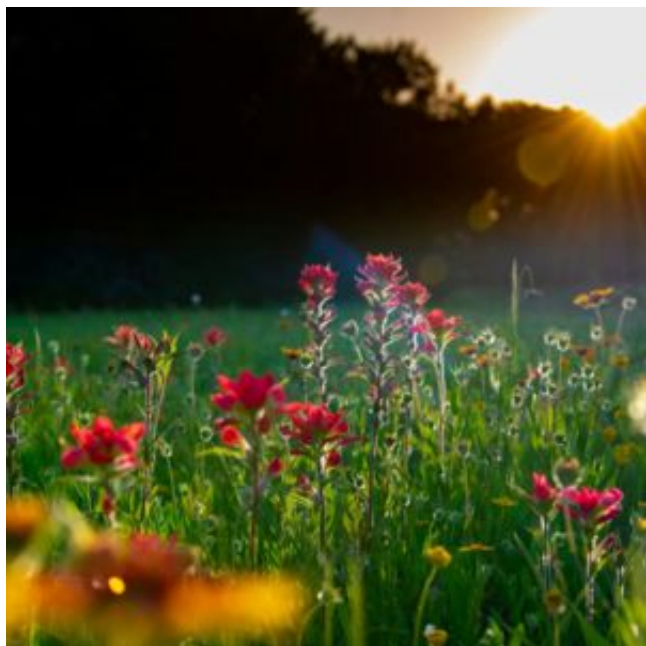
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Benedek Jávor

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