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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.

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 Galembert**, 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.

MEP **Benedek Jávor** on forests at the heart of sustainable development

MEP **Heidi Hautala** on the role of forests for sustainable development

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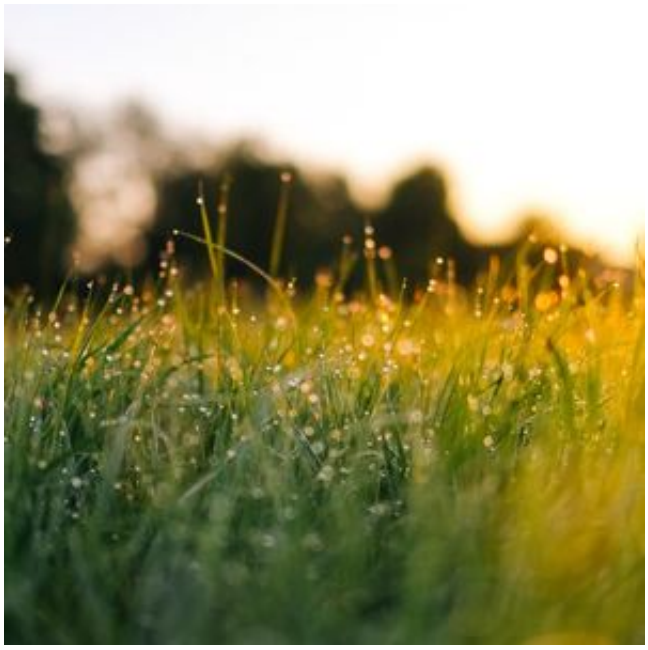

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