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# 200-Day Countdown Event A Forum on “Messages From Forests”

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## Overview

When: **13:00~17:30, 9 November 2020 (Korea Standard Time)**

Where: **Coex, Seoul**

How to Participate : WFC 2021 YouTube streaming (unlimited online access)

Languages: English, French, Korean, Spanish (Interpreting service will be provided)

Hosted by: Korea Forest Service, Republic of Korea (KFS)

## Background

The international community is witnessing more and more extended, intense, larger-scale natural disasters such as forest fires induced by climate change, landslides, and desertification. What is worse is rapid deforestation and forest degradation. If this trend of man-made forest destruction continues, humanity may have to live under constant threats such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amidst these challenges, new light is being shed on the solutions that forests hold in their hands to the threats facing us and thus reforestation is becoming ever more important.

Against this backdrop, the Korea Forest Service is going to hold a special event to discuss the roles and future of forests, on a date marking the 200-day countdown to the XV World Forestry Congress, with the view to garner greater attention and interest from the international community in the coming Congress in Seoul.

## Program

### [Opening Ceremony]

13:00-13:10



**Park Chongho**  
Minister of KFS  
(Video Message)



**Ban Kimoon**  
former SG  
of the United Nations  
(Video Message)

### [Session 1] Warning signals sent from Forests

13:10-15:10

13:10-14:30 (80min.)	Moderator	Son, Yo Whan <i>Prof. of Korea University</i>
	1. Collapse of civilizations due to destruction of forests	<b>Park, Jung-hwan</b> <i>Author of “Humanities on Plants”</i>
	2. Causes and prevention of the outbreak of zoonotic diseases	<b>Kim, Soon Ae</b> <i>Director of Department of Evaluation and Research of Korea Foundation for International Healthcare</i>
	3. Forest destruction induced by climate change, its socio-economic damage and how to respond	<b>Tieguhong Julius Chupezi</b> <i>Chief Forestry Officer of African Development Bank</i>
	4. Massive forest fires and its secondary effects	<b>Peter Moore</b> <i>Fire Specialist of FAO</i> <b>Ross Hampton</b> <i>CEO of Australian Forestry Products Association</i>
14:30-15:00 (30min.)	Q&A / Discussion <b>Park, Jung-hwan · Kim, Soon Ae · Tieguhong Julius Chupezi · Peter Moore · Ross Hampton · Myeong, Soojeong</b> <i>Chief Research Fellow of Korea Environment Institute</i>	
15:00-15:10 (10min.)	Wrap-up	<b>Son, Yo Whan</b> <i>Prof. of Korea University</i>
15:10-15:30 (20min.)	Break	

### [Session 2] Solutions offered by Forests

15:30-17:30

15:30-16:50 (80min.)	Moderator	Woo, Suyoung <i>Prof. of Univ. of Seoul</i>
	1. Reforestation-based solutions for local community issues and environmental problems	<b>Chencho Norbu</b> <i>Secretary-General of AFoCO</i>
	2. Forest benefits and co-prosperity with humanity	<b>Park, Bumjin</b> <i>Prof. of Chungnam National Univ.</i>
	3. Efforts and direction of the international communities to protect our forests	<b>Mark Buttigieg</b> <i>Economic Counsellor of the British Embassy Seoul</i>
	4. Share cases of social responsibility, companies protecting forests	<b>Yoo, Hee Seok</b> <i>Team manager of SK forest</i>
16:50-17:20 (30min.)	Q&A / Discussion <b>Chencho Norbu · Park, Bumjin · Mark Buttigieg · Yoo, Hee Seok · Yum, Jong-Ho</b> <i>Vice President of Korea Forest Welfare Institute</i>	
17:20-17:30 (10min.)	Wrap-up	<b>Woo, Suyoung</b> <i>Prof. of Univ. of Seoul</i>

※ The program (including the list of Speakers) is subject to change.



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