

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS 2025

Forests and Foods

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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS

In 2012, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed March 21st as the International Day of Forests to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests. This year, the theme for International Day of Forests is "**Forests and Foods.**"

On 20 March 2025, **UNECE and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye to the UN Office at Geneva**, as well as participating countries, will host an event exploring the vital role of forests in providing food security and nutrition, with a special focus on the importance of nuts and dried fruits. This event will highlight the crucial connection between forests and healthy diets, showcasing how sustainable forest management contributes to food security and improves livelihoods.





EVENT PROGRAMME

20 March 2025

Date: Thursday, 20 March 2025

Time: 12h30 – 14h00

Venue: H.200, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Opening remarks:

- **Ms. Tatiana Molcean**, Executive Secretary, UNECE
- **H.E. Mr. Burak Akçapar**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Türkiye

Expert talk:

- **Mr. Giuseppe Calcagni**, Co-founder, International Nut and Dried Fruit Council (INC)
- **Mr. Semsettin Bayram Ozgur**, Vice Chairman, Aegean Dried Fruit Exporters' Association (recorded message)
- **Mr. Keith Anderson**, Forest & Climate Policy Officer, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

Forest food showcase

Featuring contributions from the Countries of **Armenia, Moldova, Poland, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Türkiye, and Uzbekistan**

Join us to explore the link between forests and food.

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Together, we can raise awareness, build partnerships, and support global sustainability efforts surrounding forest foods.
