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# Bridging the gap between forest education and employment: Launch of IFSA TreE-Learning Platform!

Joint EFI-IFSA-IUFRO Project "Global student networking and green jobs in the forest sector"

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28 September 2021, 08:15 - 09:45 UTC

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## ABSTRACT

The forest sector has been facing significant changes over the years including globalization, digitalization, changing societal demands and climate change. Thus, the nature of employment in this sector is shifting. Occupational demands keep changing, and the newly evolving "green jobs" promote sustainable development as well as the general well-being of the people. For students, our future decision makers, these developments offer a broader potential professional spectrum, and

they will need adequate training to be equipped with the skills required for the new jobs. We do not know of the extent of the changes in employment, as well as the level of preparedness of students. This session will feature the transforming employment trends in the forest sector while putting special focus on the perspective of students and recent graduates from around the world. It will further explore ways to prepare future foresters for the expected changes.

#### *KEYWORDS*

- Forest Economics
- Sustainable Forest Management
- Human Health and Well-being
  - Forest History
  - Green jobs
  - Employment
  - Forest education

#### *SPEAKERS*



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is the immediate past president of International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA), which is the largest international network of students in forestry and related sciences. She holds a BSc in forest sciences from the University of Helsinki, Finland, with a specialization in tropical forestry and agroforestry and she is starting her graduate studies in International Forestry at the University of Freiburg. Outside of IFSA, she is accomplished in entrepreneurship, having set up and ran her own successful local business in the forestry field.



Lisa C. Prior

is office manager at the Bonn office of the European Forest Institute. Further, she is working in the joint EFI-IFSA-IUFRO project "Global student networking and green jobs in the forest sector". Lisa studied forest science (M.Sc.) at University of Göttingen and International Forest Ecosystem Management (BSc.) at the University of Sustainable Development, Eberswalde, Germany. As part of her long-standing involvement with the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA) she advocates for meaningful youth involvement in forest science and forest policy processes.



Juliet Achieng Owuor

Juliet works as a Junior Researcher in the "Global student networking and green jobs in the forest sector" project by the European Forest Institute (EFI), International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA) and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). She is the outgoing Deputy Coordinator of the Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education. She holds a Master's degree in Tropical and International Forestry from Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, Germany, and a Bachelor's degree in Agroforestry and Rural Development from Moi University, Kenya. She has been a keynote speaker, chair, and session organizer at many international conferences and has co-authored publications on forest education and forest-related employment.

## PROGRAM

The session discusses the results of the Joint EFI-IFSA-IUFRO Project "Global student networking and green jobs in the forest sector" and delves into what is missing from formal forest education. To respond to these gaps, students have taken initiative and started building their own online learning platform "IFSA TreE-Learning" with the support of the joint project.

Get to know the platform, learn about its origins and future and be among the first to test it in this launch event!

10:15-10:30 Presentation of the Joint EFI-IFSA-IUFRO Project "Global student networking and green jobs in the forest sector"

10:30-11:00 Launch of the IFSA treE-Learning Platform

11:00-11:30 Getting to know the platform

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