



Twentieth Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

5-9 May 2025, United Nations Headquarters, New York

This information note has been compiled to assist participants in the twentieth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF20).

Administrative Arrangements for the Meeting

UNFF20 will be held from 5 to 9 May 2025. The session will be held at the United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ) in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (TRI) in the Conference Building (CB). The meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. daily. In light of the measures in place due to the ongoing liquidity situation of the United Nations, as conveyed in the letter of the Chef de Cabinet dated 21 February 2025, intergovernmental bodies with a session of 10 meetings or more are to reduce the number of their meetings by 10%. The twentieth session of the Forum will therefore conclude its work by 1pm on Friday.

Languages

Statements made during the formal meetings of UNFF20 will be interpreted into the six official United Nations languages.

Registration and List of Participants

Participating States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities with observer status and UN system entities are invited to indicate the full composition of their delegation through the e-list of participants module for the Forum in the e-deleGATE portal, no later than one week after the conclusion of the session.

Registration and Grounds Passes

- **States Representatives**

Registration to official meetings at UN Headquarters for the purpose of issuing grounds passes, including ministers and government officials, is processed by the UN Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system “eRegistration” available through the [e-deleGATE Portal](#). Authorized users of the Permanent Missions may follow the [“eRegistration” guidelines](#), to submit requests for registration of members of delegations to temporary meetings.

Representatives of States, including government-nominated advisers and experts, are requested to contact their Permanent Missions to the UN in New York to facilitate the issuance of their grounds passes for access to UNHQ. (A list of all Permanent Missions, and contact information is available on the [Blue Book](#).) **The deadline to register is 25 April 2025.**

Once the request is submitted online, it will be reviewed and processed by the Protocol and Liaison Service. Upon approval, the authorized users of the Permanent Missions will receive via email an approval



notification with a unique reference number. The authorized users of the Permanent Missions must ensure a printed copy of the respective approval notification be given to members of the delegation before they proceed to the UN Pass and ID Unit.

For issuance of a UN grounds pass at the UN Pass and ID Unit, delegates are required to present a printed copy of the approval notification, along with their passport or government issued photo ID.

UN Pass and ID Unit

320 East 45th Street (between 1st and 2nd Ave), Tel: 1-212-963-7533

Pass and ID Unit hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday

- **Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) and other entities with Observer Status to the United Nations**

Representatives of IGOs and other entities with observer status to the UN are advised to contact their liaison offices in New York to facilitate the issuance of their grounds passes. Authorized users of accredited IGOs, are requested to log on to the [“eRegistration” system](#) and complete an online registration form for each member of the delegation.

Accredited IGOs already registered with the “eRegistration” system should inform the UN Protocol and Liaison Service in writing of the composition of delegation (names with functional titles and affiliations) attending the specific UN official meeting at UNHQ. The letter should be stamped and signed by the head of the organization and must be uploaded to the eRegistration system using the “attach delegation list” button at the time of online submission. **The deadline to register is 25 April 2025**

IGOs and other entities with Observer Status to the UN that do not have offices in New York should inform the UN Protocol and Liaison Service in writing of the composition of delegation (names with functional titles and affiliations) attending the specific UN official meeting at UNHQ.

The letter should be stamped and signed by the head of the organization; provide in the letter the name and an official email address of a focal point of the organization to receive the registration approval notifications; (gmail, hotmail, aol, etc. are not accepted.); and attach an SG.6 form (request for temporary grounds pass) for each member of the delegation.

The SG.6 form(s) must be duly completed, sealed/stamped and signed by the head of chancery or administrative officer. The form(s) must be submitted together with the cover letter in **one package** to the office of UN Protocol and Liaison Service by email to unprotocol@un.org. The SG.6 form can be found on the [Protocol website](#) at under “Registration Forms”.

Upon verification of information, the UN Protocol and Liaison Service will provide the necessary paperwork for grounds pass issuance. **The deadline to submit the registration package to the Protocol Office is 17 April 2025.**

- **IGOs and regional entities with observer status to the United Nations Forum on Forests [Please note that IGOs and other entities with GA observer status should refer to the previous bullet point]**



International and regional entities with observer status to the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) should register their representatives by sending the UNFF Secretariat an official letter on the organization's letterhead and signed by the Executive Director listing the names and contact information of each representative being nominated to attend the UNFF session.

The letter should be sent **by 18 April 2025** to:

Ms. Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo, Director
UN Forum on Forests Secretariat
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Two UN Plaza, S-26 FW, New York, NY 10017

E-mail: unff@un.org

For reference, the following IGOs have observer status to the Forum:

- African Forest Forum (AFF)
- Amazonian Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)
- Asia Forest Partnership (AFP)
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC)
- World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)
- International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)
- International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
- Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)
- Montreal Process
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community
- Secretariat of the Tehran Process for Low Forest Cover Countries (LFCCs)

• Major Groups organizations and other stakeholders

Major Groups organizations that are accredited with the Economic and Social Council of the UN (ECOSOC) or that were previously accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) are encouraged to participate in UNFF-related meetings. The Forum welcomes the participation of the nine major groups as identified in Chapter 23 of Agenda 21, including: women, children and youth, indigenous people, non-governmental organizations, local authorities, workers and trade unions, business and industry, scientific and technological communities, and farmers and small forest landowners. To verify that your organization is accredited with the Economic and Social Council of the UN (ECOSOC), please log in here: [United Nations Civil Society Participation](#).

Accredited Major Groups organizations can register for meetings and events at UN Headquarters in New York through the INDICO platform which has replaced the registration functionality of CSO Net. INDICO is an open-source platform customized by our colleagues at the UN Office in Geneva, where it is used for all



event registrations. Registration for accredited Major Group organizations will open on 21 March 2025 and close on 24 April 2025. To register for UNFF20 do so through the [online platform](#).

- **Accessibility**

In compliance with the UN's disability inclusion guidance, the UNFF Secretariat endeavors to provide accessibility support for all meeting participants. If you have a disability and require additional accessibility support, **please contact Ms. Edith Niamke at the UNFF Secretariat at: niamke@un.org before 30 April 2025.**

The United Nations Accessibility Centre offers assistive information and communications technology to support those with auditory, visual or physical impairments. The assistive devices are available on-site and as a loan to participants with disabilities. The Accessibility Centre is located in the Conference Building (Room S-1B-032 on Level 1B, near the Secretariat Building escalators). For more information, please visit the [United Nations Accessibility Centre website](#).

For accessible seating in the meeting rooms for formal meetings of UNFF20, delegations and other participants should address their requests to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (ryan.hansen@un.org), or, for side events, to the organizers of the side event, in advance of the meeting.

- **Media Accreditation**

Media accreditation is strictly reserved for members of the press (print, photo, radio, television, film, news agencies and online media) who represent a bona fide media organization. Media representatives wishing to attend UNFF-related meetings should apply for accreditation by following the instructions on the [web site of the Media Accreditation & Liaison Unit](#).

States should register media accompanying the delegation, including journalists and official photo/video, via "eRegistration", available through the [eDelegate Portal](#). Authorized users may follow the [instructions online](#).

Hotels

Arrangements for hotels need to be made by individual participants (or their Mission) at hotels of their own choice. Please note that a credit card is normally required to make a reservation, participants should plan accordingly. A list of hotels in the vicinity of UNHQ is provided on the next page.

Participants should make the necessary reservations at least one week prior to the event. Participants can contact hotels directly or contact your country's Mission to the UN which may be able to assist you. (contact details can be found on the [Blue Book](#)).



HOTEL NAME	HOTEL ADDRESS	TEL NO.
Fifty Hotel & Suites by Affinia	155 East 50 th Street	212-751-5710
Affinia Dumont	150 th East 34 th Street	212-481-7600
Algonquin	59 West 44 th Street	212-840-6800
Barbizon	140 East 63 rd Street	212-715-6928
Amsterdam Court	226 West 50 th Street	212-459-1000
Beekman Tower	3 Mitchell Place	212-355-7300
Benjamin	125 East 50 th Street	212-715-2500
Bentley	500 East 62 nd Street	212-644-6000
Westgate New York Grand Central	304 East 42 nd Street	212-986-8800
DoubleTree by Hilton	569 Lexington Avenue and 53 rd Street	212-752-7000
Oakwood at The Nash	222 East 39 th Street	212-682-9550
Envoy Club	377 East 33 rd Street	212-481-4600
Fitzpatrick Grand Central	141 East 44 th Street	212-351-6800
Grand Hyatt New York	109 East 42 nd Street	212-883-1234
Residence Inn	148 East 48 th Street	212-980-1003
The Westin New York Grand Central	212 East 42 nd Street	212-490-8900
Park Lane Hotel	36 Central Park S	212-371-4000
Marcel	201 East 24 th Street and 3 rd Avenue	212-696-3800
Millennium Hilton New York	1 United Nations Plaza	212-758-1234
Moderne Hotel	243 West 55 th Street	212-397-6767
Paramount Hotel	235 West 46 th Street	212-764-5500
Pod 51 Hotel	230 East 51 st Street	844-763-7666
The Lexington Hotel	511 Lexington Avenue, 48 th Street	212-755-4400
Roger Smith	501 Lexington Avenue	800-445-0277
Shelburne Murray Hill	303 Lexington Avenue	212-689-5200
Stewart Hotel New York	371 7 th Avenue	212-563-1800
Surrey Hotel	20 East 76 th Street	212-288-3700
Warwick New York	65 West 54 th Street	212-247-2700
Dylan Hotel	52 East 41 st Street	212-338-0500
Wyndham Midtown 45	205 East 45 th Street	212-867-5100
Dream Midtown	210 West 55 th Street	212-247-2000
IBEROSTAR 70 Park Avenue Hotel	70 Park Avenue	212-973-2400
Roosevelt Hotel	45 East 45 th Street	212-661-9600