



## International Conference on Forest Education, 22-24 June 2021

### Breakout Group Briefing Note: 1.2

*“Improving the quality of forest education at tertiary level”*

#### Organizer:

**International Union for Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)  
Joint-IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education**

#### Moderator:

Meeting 1: Sandra Rodriguez

Meeting 2: Juliet Achieng

#### Rapporteur: Alex Onatunji

#### Dates and times:

Meeting 1: 22 June, 15:15 – 16:45 Central European Summer Time (CEST)

Meeting 2: 23 June, 08:30 – 10:00 Central European Summer Time (CEST)

#### Breakout group description:

This session aims at highlighting the major challenges of forest education at tertiary level around the globe and to present initiatives that have been implemented to address some of those challenges. In addition, future trends in forest education will be explored. The session aims at sharing the perspectives of different forest education stakeholders. To accomplish these goals, four speakers from different sectors, academia, research, private organizations, and student's organizations will be invited to share their experiences engaging in forest education activities at the tertiary level. Furthermore, active contribution of the audience will be sought for using online space and the chat.

#### Questions to be addressed by the breakout group:

1. What challenges exist in forest education at tertiary level?
2. How have these challenges been addressed and by whom?
3. What will be the competences that a forestry professional of the future should have?
4. What questions do we need to address in the future on forest education at tertiary level (i.e. curriculum development, teaching and learning methods)?

#### Speakers:

##### Meeting 1: 22 June, 15:15 – 16:45 Central European Summer Time (CEST)

1. Terry Sharik Research Professor, Dean Emeritus & Professor Emeritus. College of Forest Resources and Environmental Science, Michigan Tech.
2. Ernesto Herrera, CEO Reforestamos Mexico, large experience working with Forest Education institution in Latin America and Spain – Expert from private sector
3. Kirsi Itkonen, Senior Lecturer at South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences
4. Paula López Vargas, Student Oregon State University

**Meeting 2: 23 June, 08:30 – 10:00 Central European Summer Time (CEST)**

1. Fola Babalola, Associate Professor, Forest Socioeconomics Department of Forest Resources Mgt, University of Llorin, Nigeria
2. Sergio de Miguel, MEDfOR Coordinator at University of Lleida Spain
3. Pipiet Larasatie, Research Associate, Forest Products Business Marketing, Oregon State University
4. Paula Mae Dagsi (Head of Capacity Development Commission, IFSA)