

THE FORESTER'S DECLARATION

Preamble

The forests are an integral part of the global environment, providing multiple goods and services for people worldwide. The importance of the forest in the economic and social development, poverty eradication, environmental sustainability, as an energy resource and water preserver, in the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, combating desertification and land degradation, conservation of biodiversity, protection of the watersheds and disaster risk reduction, determines the reconsideration of the role of the silvicultural activity of the forester at global level, which implies the necessity of the Forester's Declaration.

1. The foresters, as part of society are the professional employees who commit themselves to carry out forestry related jobs and thus deliver the goods and services which are provided by the forests for the welfare of the society.
2. Each forester has the right to recognition of the role and importance of his/her work in sustainable management of forests by the state and international institutions.
3. Each forester, as a specialist in forestry sector, has the right to contribute and to participate at the elaboration process of the forestry policy and strategy at national and international level.
4. Each forester will act to eradicate the causes of fires and other disasters in the woods.
5. Each forester has the right to promote sustainable forest management in order to maintain the forests.
6. Each forester shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among the foresters and between foresters and society.
7. Each forester has the right to equitable and favorable conditions of work and to social protection against unemployment.
8. Each forester has the right to make well known to the community the functions and importance of the forest.
9. Each forester has the right to have access to professional training and to take part in scientific progress of the forestry sector.
10. Each forester has the right to be employed and promoted based on his / her training, experience and professional performance.
11. Each forester has the right to have the necessary medical care and social services in case of accidents, illness or disability.

12. In case of death, the family of the defunct forester has the right to the necessary social services.
13. Each forester has the right to insurance and social protection in case of unemployment or retirement.
14. Each forester has the right to act in a foresters' organization to defend his / her professional, ethical, moral, material and syndicalistic rights and interests.

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