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International Day of Forests: Defining Forests by their true meaning!

Dear friends,

On behalf of La Via Campesina, Friends of the Earth International, Focus on the Global South and the World Rainforest Movement we are writing to ask for your support.

The United Nations (UN) has declared March 21st as the International Day of Forests. For us a good reason to send once again [a letter urging the Food and Agriculture Organization \(FAO\) of the UN to review its present definition of forests](#), that mainly benefits the interests of the timber, pulp and paper and rubber industries.

~~We are inviting FAO to take the initiative to consider the present misleading definition. This would be in particular, to clearly define forests by their ecological function, as opposed to their use by industrial plantations, mainly to produce paper and rubber.~~

~~If your organization would like to **MARCH 20, 16th GMT** send your name, organization and country to laovc@un.org.~~

Best regards,

La Via Campesina
Friends of the Earth International
Focus on the Global South
World Rainforest Movement