

**SPECIAL EVENT**

# **The Future is Now: "Investing" in Young Professionals & Career Development**

**XV World Forestry Congress, Coex, Seoul, Republic of  
Korea**

**5 May 2022, 09:00-11:30 (KST)**



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# Event programme

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## Session 1: Young professional showcase, 5 May 2022, 9:00-10:15 (KST)

<b>9:00</b>	<b>Introduction</b> An introduction to the session including the objective of the session, the format and an introduction to the panelists	<b>Elaine Springgay</b> FAO (moderator)
<b>9:05</b>	<b>Presentation</b> Making your own path in the forest sector	<b>Lacey Rose</b> County of Renfrew/Women in Wood
<b>9:12</b>	<b>Presentation</b> Creating a space for young foresters in New Zealand	<b>Alfred Duval</b> Future Foresters NZ
<b>9:19</b>	<b>Storytelling panelists</b> Introduction to each panelist. Each panelist will share their journey in the forest sector, including inspirations, obstacles faced and overcome, lessons learned and aspirations for the future (their own and for the sector)	<b>Paula Sarigumba</b> Veritree/ISTF  <b>Amina Maalim</b> KEFRI  <b>Analí Bustos</b> Monte Alegre Nature Reserve
<b>9:34</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barriers encountered/observed in progressing their careers</li><li>• Solutions and best practices in career development/accelerators</li><li>• Moving forward- how to engage more YPs in the sector</li></ul>	<b>Presenters, panelists, and moderator</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>ForYP Launch</b> Launch of a new global network for young professionals in the forest sector	<b>Elaine Springgay</b> FAO

**Session 2: Investing in the career development of our young professionals**  
**5 May 2022, 10:15-11:30 (KST)**

<p><b>10:15</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction</b>  An introduction to the session including the defining of youth in the forest sector, the objective of the session, the format, and a presentation of panelists</p>	<p><b>Lacey Rose</b>  Women in Wood  (moderator)</p>
<p><b>10:22</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation</b>  Investing in forest sector young professionals to achieve sector goals in the UK</p>	<p><b>Shireen Chambers</b>  ICF</p>
<p><b>10:29</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation</b>  ITTO's Fellowship Programme: Over 30 years of developing young professionals</p>	<p><b>Ramon Carrillo</b>  ITTO</p>
<p><b>10:36</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation</b>  WFC-PLT Green Mentorship Programme</p>	<p><b>Maria Chiarella</b>  PLT Canada</p>
<p><b>10:43</b></p>	<p><b>Panel discussion</b>  Presenters plus youth in the forest sector (IFSA and ForYP) participate in panel to address questions for moderator and audience</p>	<p><b>Lacey Rose (moderator)</b>  <b>Shireen Chambers</b>  <b>Ramon Carrillo</b>  <b>Maria Chiarella</b>  <b>Magdalena Jovanović,</b>  (IFSA)  <b>Elaine Springgay, (ForYP)</b></p>

# Speakers

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## **Analí Bustos**

### **Monte Alegre Natural Reserve**



Analí Bustos is an Argentinian biologist. She did a Master in Ecology and Nature Conservation in Brazil, and she's currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Research Group on Ecological Interactions in Agroecosystems (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina). Since the beginning of her career, she has been working on forest restoration; her first project is the "Monte Alegre Natural Reserve" located in Córdoba, Argentina. In 2021 she acted as the Restoration Steward for the forest ecosystem in the program by the Global Landscapes Forum (GLF). She is part of the 'Latin America and Caribbean Project Teams' (Global Landscapes Forum) and co-chair of the 'Generation Restoration Youth Hub' (World Economic Forum). Her passion is to promote the conservation and restoration of nature holistically: not only of ecosystems and environmental services but also the restoration of society's feelings about Nature.

## **Ramon Carrillo Arellano**

### **International Tropical Timber Association**



Mr Ramon Carrillo Arellano currently works as Communications and Outreach Officer at the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), position he holds since 2013, major milestones include having revamped ITTO's digital communications, including the Organization's website, social media presence and public relations. Previously he acted as Project Manager at ITTO since 2007. He has a wide experience in forestry policy having worked at various post for Mexico's National Forestry Agency from 2002 to 2007 and represented his country in several forestry-related international negotiations. He also has professional experience in the private sector, particularly in foreign trade and licensing. Mr Ramon Carrillo Arellano holds a bachelor's degree in management business administration with diplomas in marketing and neurolinguistics and is a national of Mexico.

## **Shireen Chambers, MBE FICFor**

### **Executive Director, Institute of Chartered Foresters, UK**



Shireen studied forestry and soil science at Bangor University in the UK before embarking on her career, working first with the Government of the Bahamas to set up a new forestry department. She returned to the UK to work with the Central Scotland Forest and continued as a practitioner in community and urban forestry. She has been Executive Director of the Institute of Chartered Foresters, the professional body for forestry in the UK, since 2006. Her non-executive board appointments have included Forest Research, Forestry Commission's Regional Advisory Committee for Mid-Scotland (Chair) and the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute. Shireen was appointed Chair of TREE AID, a charity working to relieve poverty in Africa, in 2017.



**Maria Chiarella**  
**Project Tree Learning Canada**

Maria Chiarella is the Mentorship and Youth Programs Manager at Project Learning Tree Canada, an initiative of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). She manages mentorship programs at a national and international level, and coordinates career pathway resources and opportunities for youth. Maria advances environmental education by engaging young people to learn about and connect to the outdoors, and to be inspired to pursue green careers. Her work reflects her passion for sustainability, empowering others, and making a more resilient and diverse workforce in the forest and conservation sector. Maria is originally from Lima, Peru, and currently lives in British Columbia, Canada. She has a background in Political Science and Environmental Studies from the University of Victoria.



**Alfred Duval**  
**Future Foresters, NZ**

Alfred Duval is a passionate young forestry professional dedicated to practicing and promoting sustainable forest management. He works in the Bay of Plenty, New Zealand as both a practical and technical forester in production forests for an environmentally conscious, family-owned company – Port Blakely Ltd. Alongside three other foresters, Alfred helped to form the Future Foresters NZ in 2018. Future Foresters are a community of passionate young foresters throughout New Zealand involved in connecting young forestry professionals, promoting the sector, and upskilling its membership. Since inception they have gathered immense support; receiving funding from industry, establishing a membership base, and releasing forestry positive stories through social media campaigns that have reached a wide New Zealand audience.



**Magdalena Jovanović**  
**International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)**

Magdalena Jovanović is an undergraduate studying forestry at the University of Belgrade. Magdalena is actively involved in the international forestry field and is an active member of the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA) where she is currently serving as the President. In her role as the President she represents IFSA and advocates for youth in many important events and initiatives, as well as communicates with partner organisations and processes. Before her tenure as the President, Magdalena served as the Head of the EFI Sub-Commission where she was actively involved in EFI matters.



## **Amina Maalim**

### **National Forestry Research Institute, Kenya (KEFRI)**

Amina Aden Maalim is a female research scientist currently working with the National Forestry Research Institute in Kenya known as KEFRI. She is based in the Garissa office but works in the whole of the Northern region in the drylands of Kenya which accommodates the largest pastoral population in Kenya. Her expertise is in Agroforestry and sustainable rural development and is currently the only female forestry research scientist in the whole of the North-Eastern region of Kenya. She has a Master of Science in Agroforestry from Bangor University, North Wales, United Kingdom, and a Bachelor of Science in Agroforestry and rural development from the University of Kabianga in Kericho, Kenya. She plans to start a Ph.D. in Climate change adaptation in September 2022 at the University of Nairobi, she is also an IUFRO taskforce member that is looking at "Transforming Forest landscape for future climates and human well-being ". She is also at the forefront of women's mentorship in STEM fields, especially in the Northern Region.



## **Lacey Rose**

### **County of Renfrew/Women in Wood Canada**

Graduating from the University of New Brunswick in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, Lacey has been a Registered Professional Forester in Ontario since 2008, and served 4 years as a Council member for the Ontario Professional Foresters Association. Lacey's work experience has ranged from field work in the Boreal forest, to writing a forest management plan for 250,000 hectares of Crown forest in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence forest, to now the hands-on management of the Renfrew County Forest, as the County Forester. In 2019, Lacey was the recipient of the James M. Kitz Award from the Canadian Institute of Forestry and the Forest Sector Champion Award from the Ontario Forest Industry Association. In 2017, she received the John H. Sellers Award from the Ontario Professional Foresters Association. Outside of these roles, Lacey is the Co-Founder of Women in Wood, a network for women who work with, in and for the woods, and the host of the web-series "Mighty Jobs" and "Green Jobs".



## **Paula Sarigumba**

### **Veritree/International Society of Tropical Foresters**

Paula Sarigumba is a Filipina forester who worked at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (UN FAO), the CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry (CGIAR FTA), and on various on-the-ground forestry research and development projects in Asia. She sits at the Board of the International Society of Tropical Foresters (ISTF) and the Global Network for Forestry Young Professionals (ForYP). She is an advocate of genuine youth participation in the forest sector. Paula is on her way towards earning her master's degree from the University of Saskatchewan with her research on Indigenous youth participation in territorial governance in Bolivia. She is also the Program Lead for Nature-based Solutions at veritree, a start-up company that aims to provide the world's first, fully integrated platform designed to transform restoration through blockchain technology.



## **Elaine Springgay**

### **FAO/ForYP**

Elaine Springgay is FAO's Agroforestry Officer and has more than 12 years of experience working in international development on integrated natural resources management, community-based forest management and climate-smart agriculture. Prior to joining FAO in 2015, Elaine worked with NGOs or government agencies in Canada, Ghana, the Philippines and Uganda, primarily focused on community-based natural resource management, livelihood and capacity development initiatives. She has a BSc in both Environmental Geography and History from the University of Toronto, and a Masters in Forestry from the Australian National University. She is also the Founder and Chair of the global network for young professionals in the forest sector, ForYP, creating a space for the forestry's younger experts and future leaders to connect, share experiences and advocate for greater career development opportunities.