

Special Issue

The Role of Forests for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Message from the Guest Editors

The UN resolution of 2015 “Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” addresses the global environmental and socio-economic challenges. Fulfilling some of them may or may not be beneficial for the others, but as a whole the linkages between them are significant. Protecting environment is key to the quality of life, and several SDGs have a strong environmental dimension. Although there is no specific SDG titled “Forests”, the case in point is that SDG 15 addresses forestry in a broad spectrum. Therefore the aspects concerning forests are relevant for many of the other SDGs, and the fulfillment of some will have an immediate or long-term impact on forests. The special issue is to identify the role of forests in achieving the SDGs in different geographical settings. Scenarios are appreciated which explore how the role of forests is going to change when foreseeable global changes such as climate change, urbanization, and improved education and awareness take place.

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