

For everybody protecting rich and beautiful forests!

World Network for Forest Actions

(WNFA)

(From the 1st World Summit for Forest Actions)



(Maintenance in Hokkaido, Japan)



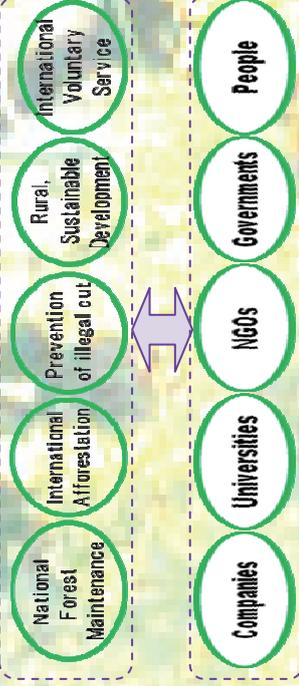
(Planting mangrove in the Philippines)

Aims

By connecting NPOs, companies, governments and people protecting forests practically in various ways in Japan and the world;

1. Develop each activity through exchanging know-how based on practical actions
2. Strengthen collaboration with understanding each other/ creating common visions & actions
3. Promote participation and cooperation to various citizens and groups

By them, we aim to revive rich and beautiful forests and healthy world for people & forests.



Japan



India



Mexico



Paris (UNESCO)

(From "World Tanabata Action")

Main activities

1) Create places to Meet & Collaborate

* World Summit for Forest Actions

The 1st one gathered 113 forest leaders in 10 countries in Tokyo, 2011 Oct, and it may be held every few years.

* We will also create other communication platforms by the mailing list, Face book, etc. Let's also invite the others to the conferences and projects that each organization organizes.

2) Monitoring and Advocacies

E.g., Preventing illegal logging, World Forest Voluntary Service

3) Develop/ improve each activity

Development of human resources, fundraising, PR, leadership and coordination, technologies, model projects, researches, matching multi-stakeholders collaboration

4) Common Campaigns

* Sustainable forest management/ creation

* Utilization of wooden materials

* Exchange of human resources

E.g. 1: Forest Supporters (Japan)

by National Promotion Committee for Beautiful Forests

E.g.2: World Tanabata Action (20 countries)

by NICE, NVDA and CCIVS at UNESCO

E.g.3: One million tree action(Newly proposed!)

E.g.4: Oak tree rehabilitation (Newly proposed!)

5) Promotion of youth volunteering

* Promotion of "Gap year"

* Promotion of "workcamps"

World Summit for Forest Actions 2011 - Declaration of actions - through collaboration -

1. Crisis of the forests in the world and Japan - Getting more serious with being interacted among different places and areas -

Rapid deforestation and forest degradation is becoming more serious, that is one of the most important issues along with climate change and bio-diversity for the global environment and sustainability of human being and they significantly affect each other. 13 million hectare of tropical, boreal and temperate forests are lost annually due to forest conversion into agriculture, unsustainable and industrial logging, forest fire and so on. And the "quality" such as biodiversity and the capacity to retain water is also decreasing. Forests have broad environmental and social functions that include not only land and water conservation, biodiversity and carbon storage, but also food and agriculture security which is created through seas and rivers, energy generation, economic vitality, employment, quality of life, human health and cultural identity.

Japan maintains one of the highest forests rate (66%) on its land (world average: 31%). However, 40% of them are manmade most of which are not currently maintained nor utilized. In contrast, Japan is one of the largest timber importing countries that results in huge damage to global deforestation and forest degradation. Also, the giant earthquake this year resulted in massive damage to the natural areas along the Tohoku coast that is bringing us to have new understanding of the importance of forests and its relationship with our life.

To improve these situations, various people and organizations in the world and Japan are working in various ways with creating various kinds of impact. However, these activities have not been fully displayed as their potential possibilities due to social environmental barriers such as public awareness, economic systems, institutions and governmental policies and also difficulties of organizational management such as lack of human resources, technologies and skills, fund, coordination, etc.



Mongolia



Iwate, Japan

2. Our goal of forests and civilizations - Create a healthy world for both forests and human being by conservation, revival and utilization through restructuring their relationship -

We understand that forests are endangered and believe that thinking about future of forest equals thinking about the future of humanity. Based on this, we will conserve the forests which should be conserved and properly manage and utilize the forests which should be utilized sustainably with circulating resources.

This should be done through global point of views and collaboration beyond difference of geographical aspects (domestic and foreign activities), types of actions (conservation and utilization), stakeholders (governments, companies and non-profit organizations) and also through respecting and protecting the life of indigenous peoples and local communities that are co-living with the forests in a traditional and sustainable way. Finally, we aim to achieve the world where both forests and human being can be healthy by restructuring relationship between them.

3. Let's develop the actions with new global collaboration - Message from the Summit -

World Summit for Forest Actions 2011 was organized by 113 leaders of forest conservation and revival from 12 countries who share the awareness of the above issues, in occasion of International Year of Forest and of Volunteers + 10. We could recognize again that the issues happening on forest sectors in each place are not individual, but mutually related problems. We have also confirmed the common and diverse opinions based on diverse cultures and the importance of collaboration beyond the areas and sectors.

We have also recognized the importance of each volunteering actions with the local communities as the main actors and made various kinds of action plans such as collaboration among different stakeholders, close cooperation of organizations inside the countries and abroad, project which conducts both thinning and planting harmoniously.

As a result of this summit, we have newly created "World Network for Forest Actions" as a soft and effective platform to promote cooperation and actions and would like to call for participation to any people and organizations who are working to conserve and revive the forests. Lets create the common desirable global community by working together beyond difference of places and areas!

Participating NGOs

54 organizations in 21 countries

* Below are examples;

JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)
Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center
Forum for Earth and People's Environment
NICE (Never-ending International workCamps Exchange)
Juon Network

NLPO (National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization)
Environmental Partnership Committee

OISCA (Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural
Advancement-International)

Future Base for Environments in Tochigi
Forestry Agency of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Green Earth Center

Friends of the Earth Japan

Environmental Partnership Committee

Milestone 22

Midori to Mizu no Renraku Kaiji

NGO Kinkiri-koku

LIFE (Live with Friends on the Earth)

Tokinosuno Mori Club



Our World Summit

Green Asia Network (Korea)

Huon Valley Environment Centre (Australia)

OISCA Philippines

Earth Corps (USA)

SJV (Solidarity Jeunesse Vietnam)

MCE (Mongolian workCamps Exchange)

IIVC (Indonesia International Work Camps

Ikao-ako (Philippines)

Link (Thailand)

VPV (Volunteers for Peace Vietnam)

SJV (Solidarity Jeunesse Vietnam)

VSA (Volunteer Spirit Association, Thailand)

FFN (Friendship Foundation Nepal)

VFP (Volunteer For Peace, USA)

Natatei Voluntariado Internacional A.C. (Mexico)

NVDA (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia)



USA

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Anybody, who is interested in joining/ cooperating this network and its actions (NPOs, companies, governments, individuals, medias, etc.), is welcomed to contact to;

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