



Cool forests at risk?

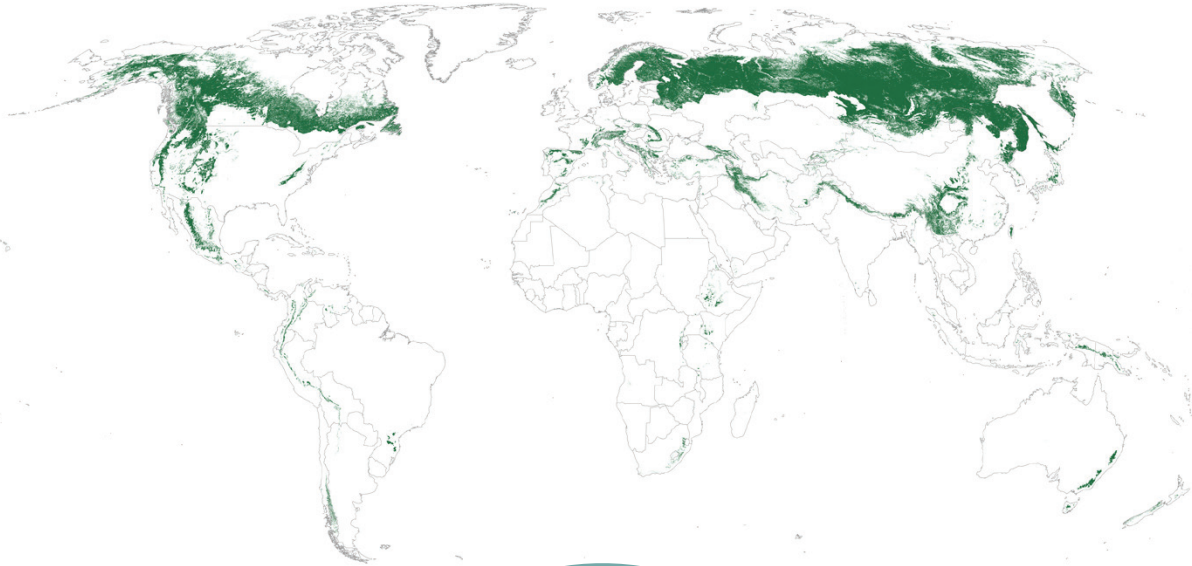
**The critical role of boreal and
mountain ecosystems for
people, bioeconomy, and climate**

17–20 September 2018

A conference hosted by the International
Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
Laxenburg (near Vienna), Austria



Cool forests in boreal and mountain areas make up more than one third of global forests, forming the largest terrestrial vegetation ecosystem on earth.



Climate:

cool forests are the single largest carbon pool of terrestrial ecosystems

Bioeconomy:

they deliver much of the world's harvested wood products including timber, pulp, and paper

People:

they are home to unique landscapes and nature diversity providing ecosystems crucial for the livelihoods of millions of people

If we fail to maintain and sustainably manage cool forests, an entire economic sector is at risk and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the aims of the Paris Agreement in particular, will become unattainable.

The **cool forest** event is much more than a conference – it is the **start of a collective effort**, initiated by renowned scientists from all over the world. The event will bring together academia, decision makers, and stakeholders from policy, business, and civil society.

They will jointly launch an initiative to raise awareness and maintain and promote the multiple, critical values provided by boreal and mountain ecosystems.

Over **250 participants from around 30 countries** including Canada, China, Japan, the Nordic countries, Russia, the US, and the host country Austria are expected to attend in order to:



Please join and promote this action by signing up as a **Cool Forest Ambassador**. →



Sign up to be an Ambassador for Cool Forests and join the collective effort to work together to create solutions for a sustainable future

Ambassadors for Cool Forests commit to:

- ✓ **RAISE AWARENESS** of the critical role of boreal and mountain forest ecosystems for people, bioeconomy, and climate.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** further research to identify future pathways for policy, industry, and society.
- ✓ **JOIN** the initiative led by the International Boreal Forest Research Association (IBFRA), the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), the Pan-Eurasian Experiment (PEEX), and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO).

You can sign up to be an Ambassador for Cool Forests by:



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“This unique event will draw attention to the challenges the forests are facing and inform strategies and policies on how to tackle them. I am proud to sign off as a Cool Forest Ambassador. Please join me.”

Cool Forest Ambassador
Professor Dr. Pavel Kabat
IIASA Director General and CEO

