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## Register Now for WFC's June 8 Virtual Gathering – A Road to the Congress

[Join](#) the Women's Forest Congress on June 8, 2022, from 3:30-4:45pm ET/2:30-3:45pm CT/1:30-2:45pm MT/12:30-1:45pm PT to celebrate and prepare for what's happening in October 2022 with the Women's Forest Congress! Participants will learn more about our inaugural event in October and what they can expect. Registration is free but limited to the first 300 individuals who register, so [save your space](#) today.

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## WFC Needs Your Help to Make History

Organizations and individuals, aligned with the Women's Forest Congress' [Mission and Vision](#), are invited to be an integral part of the Women's Forest Congress. Your support will ensure the inaugural 2022 Women's Forest Congress is a success, including engagement leading up to and following the event as well as the extraordinary community forming around the movement.

Your sponsorship or donation will directly support ongoing communications, virtual events leading up to the in-person event, and the volunteer-led Steering Committee, Advisory Council and Working Groups. It will also support the development and hosting of an historic and catalytic inaugural event in October 2022 as well as the overall movement to position and learn from and support women as leaders in the forest community. Learn more [here](#).

## Congress Planning Retreat a Success



*(from L to R: Asia Downtin, Alicia Cramer, Ara Erickson, Caitlyn Pollihan (screen), Antomia Farrell, Katie Fernholz, Lauren Cooper, Jasmine Brown, Amy Doty, Liz Woodworth, Dawn Simmons, Becky Turner, Tia Beavert, and MaryKate Bullen. Not pictured: Tanya Wick)*

The WFC Steering Committee and Advisory Council came together earlier this month for camaraderie and constructive planning for the October 2022 Congress. We look forward to meeting all of you this fall, so be sure to [save the date](#) for October 17-20, 2022 and plan to join us at the Intercontinental - Minneapolis St. Paul Airport in Minneapolis, MN!

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## Check out the WFC Blog

This month, the WFC [blog](#) features WFC Steering Committee member Lauren Cooper, where she discusses the quest to preserve forests thru engaging communities. Lauren says she's "inspired by WFC's intergenerational composition, willingness to share experiences, motivation to create spaces for women, and commitment to diversity and inclusion. With

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## Fun Fact of the Month

#DYK May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which [began](#) in the 1970s. Take a few minutes to [read](#) about some truly amazing women doing great things. And then, join us in celebrating Girl Scouts of the USA's [Sofia Chang](#), the first CEO of Asian American-Pacific Islander descent in the organization's 100-plus-year history.

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**THERE IS A NEED – ARGUABLY TODAY MORE THAN EVER – FOR DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES TO HELP ENSURE THE HEALTH AND FUTURE OF FORESTS.**

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