



Women's Forest Congress UPDATE

Video Available from WFC's March Lunch and Learn

The Women's Forest Congress convened participants from across the forest sector to learn more about recent research on U.S. forest sector workforce analysis and gaps in diversity representation.

Jaana Korhonen, WFC Advisory Council member and Research scientist, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) and USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Center for Integrated Forest Science, along with Rajat Panwar, Department of Forest Ecosystems & Society, Oregon State University, shared insights and data from a [report](#) entitled "Gaps in diversity representation and data insufficiencies in the U.S. forest sector workforce analysis." [Click here to view a recording of their presentation.](#)



WFC Blog

This month, we're featuring a [blog](#) by WFC Advisory Council member Jaana Korhonen. Jaana serves as a researcher with the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) and recently published the article "Gaps in Diversity Representation and Data Insufficiencies in the U.S. Forest Sector Workforce Analysis." And, if you want to hear Jaana speak to the article and research, check out our March Lunch & Learn [video recording](#).

Be sure to check out our full suite of [WFC blogs](#). And if you're interested in being a guest blogger, please [let us know](#). We are particularly interested in individuals and organizations who can share how they live out the WFC Declaration's 10 resolutions, in part or in whole.

What's Happening in the WFC Community?

[Women in Timber](#) gathered this week at the International Mass Timber Conference. Several individuals from the Women's Forest Congress community participated, building relationships and empowering timber trailblazers in the

[Join](#) founding WFC Steering Committee member Alicia Cramer, SVP, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, along with other leaders in the forest sector, for "Sustaining Our Sector: The Role of Diversity &

architectural, engineering, and construction sectors.

Inclusion.” Hosted by the [U.S. Forest and Wood Products Inclusion Council](#), this virtual gathering will address labor challenges in the forest and wood products sector and what is being done to address these challenges.

REMINDER -- WFC Network Invited to Complete Survey

The [U.S. Forest and Wood Products Sector Inclusion Council](#), which is led by the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, is conducting a [survey](#), as part of a workforce study focused on the forest and wood products sector. It has a particular focus on identifying the existing labor force, and exploring issues and opinions around inclusion, recruitment, and retention. If interested in participating, [complete the survey](#) by May 10, 2024. If you have any questions, please [contact Dr. Pipiet Larasatie](#).

WFC Needs Your Support

Your financial support is needed and critical to **continue the momentum throughout 2024**. Your immediate support will ensure the continued success of the Women’s Forest Congress movement. Throughout 2023, the Women’s Forest Congress engaged and acted upon the [Declaration and 10 resolutions](#) from the October 2022 event. Specific activities included WFC strategic engagement and operations, ongoing communications and marketing, quarterly virtual gatherings, and supporting the volunteer-led Steering Committee, Advisory Council, and Working Groups, as well as the overall movement to position and learn from women as leaders in the forest community.

If you or your organization is interested in supporting the Congress, check out our sponsorship prospectus, donate today, or reach out to us.



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