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September 2023

Did You Miss the Event Last Week? September 13 Event Videos and Resources Now Available!

Watch [videos](#) from the September 13 virtual gathering, where we focused on WFC Declaration, Resolution #8 - INTENTIONALLY IDENTIFY and support more women and those from underrepresented groups to achieve leadership positions. Check out our [Padlet](#) site for more resources and information. And thank you once again to our event sponsor – Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI).

To help our network live out this resolution, [join](#) our LinkedIn networking group and share your job postings, internships, or leadership training opportunities. Be sure to also tag Women's Forest Congress on all [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (also known as X), or [LinkedIn](#) posts, to engage our growing network in your own community.

What's Happening Across the WFC Community?

As with any grassroots movement, relationship building and community are critical to success. WFC is no different. We are grateful for our entire community and network. Here's where you'll find WFC "on the road."

- **Webinar opportunity:** [Join](#) Port Blakely on September 20, from 3:00-4:00 pm PDT, for a webinar on "Investing in the Future of Forestry: Building a Thriving Workforce." Alongside panelist, Terry Baker, CEO of the Society of American Foresters, hear from Katie Fernholz, President and CEO of Dovetail Partners and WFC Steering Committee, as they discuss "what they are doing to support creating a sustainable and thriving forestry workforce." Katie will share more about what the Women's Forest Congress is doing to ensure a diverse and inclusive workforce for the future.
- **Seeking Volunteers:** In October, WFC will host the Women in Natural Resources Meetup at the [2023 SAF National Convention](#) in Sacramento, CA. During this meetup, we'll feature the WFC Resolution #2 - BROADEN recruiting practices to include wider networks and build a pipeline of talent by connecting with and showcasing forests and the forest and forest products sector to youth and students, creating job shadowing

meetup is a success. Please [get in touch](#) with us if you'd like to be involved in the meetup planning.

WFC Blog

In this month's blog, [hear](#) from Megan Mustoe, a new member of the WFC Steering Committee and forestry counsel with The Conservation Fund. She shares her vision for the future and what success looks like for the Women's Forest Congress.

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 are living out the WFC Declaration's 10 resolutions, either in part or in whole.

WFC Needs Your Support (and Save the Date!)

Our final 2023 virtual event will be held on December 6, where we'll review our work in 2023 and look towards the future in 2024. Be sure to [save the date](#). We are looking for an organization to sponsor this event to ensure its success. If you think your organization would be interested, please [contact us](#).

Additionally, your financial support is needed and critical to continue the momentum. Your immediate support will directly support and ensure the continued success of the Women's Forest Congress movement. Throughout 2023, the Women's Forest Congress will engage and act upon the [Declaration and 10 resolutions](#) from the October 2022 event. Specific activities will include but are not limited to 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.

We are exploring options for the future, and all the options require some level of resources. **If you or your organization is interested in supporting the Congress, especially in this time of transition, check out our [sponsorship prospectus](#), [donate](#) today, or [reach out to us](#).**

We'd also like to celebrate and acknowledge Rayonier for being our latest returning sponsor this year! Thank you for your continued support.

WFC Resolution of the Month

Throughout 2023, the WFC will feature a "Resolution of the Month." Throughout September, we're featuring Resolution #8 - **INTENTIONALLY IDENTIFY and support more women and those from underrepresented groups to achieve leadership positions.** [Check out](#) the WFC Declaration to learn more. Does your organization have an example of how they are living out this resolution? We'd love to hear more and share with the WFC community. Connect via [email](#), tag us on social media (links below), or join our [LinkedIn Networking Group](#) to start a conversation.

the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) was founded. Their mission is to "bring together business women of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition." Like ABWA, the **Women's Forest Congress supports women throughout the forest community**. By sharing personal and professional experiences, connecting with each other, shaping the latest innovations, and considering how actions informed by our perspectives can make a profound impact on the future of forests, we are creating safe spaces to connect, inspire, and act as catalysts for change for the benefit of forests and all who rely on them now and for the future.

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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