



**Dear Colleagues,**

**Welcome to the [20th Commonwealth Forestry Conference: VIRTUAL](#)**

This Conference was first held in [London in 1920](#). At the second conference, held in Canada in 1923, delegates undertook a 2-month train journey across Canada, with stops to view the forests along the way.

Now, almost a century later, we hope to revive this unique experience with a modern twist. We invite you to board the “*Commonwealth Forestry Express*”, a 3-day virtual journey from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada through the forests of Commonwealth countries, transcending world time zones and national boundaries.

We invite members of the Commonwealth and the world forestry community at-large, regardless of their professional affiliation, to join the conversation.

**Vision**

We strive for a global forest sector that champions sustainability, diversification, equity and innovation.

We promote collaborations across Commonwealth countries at various levels from policy to on-the-ground actions.

We encourage the showcasing of existing projects while focusing on cross-country collaboration that makes a difference.

We demonstrate how and when having good national policies makes a difference, yet positive changes can occur even when national policies leave much to be desired.

**Conference Topics**

- New Markets
- Education and Careers
- Communication
- Climate Change
- Technology and Innovation
- Conservation versus Consumption
- Urban Forests

## Call for Abstracts Now Open

We are pleased to announce that the [Call for Abstract Submission](#) for the 20<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Forestry Conference is now open. **Deadline to submit abstracts is April 30, 2021.**

We welcome presentations related to any of the seven conference topics listed above. We expect a wide variety of presentations and ask that you please submit only one abstract (per theme and per oral/poster category) in your capacity as the lead author.

Prepare:

1. Select [the topic](#) your presentation fits into.
2. Decide how you'd like to present:
  - ❖ Oral presentation
  - ❖ Poster presentation
  - ❖ 3-Minute Talk Student Competition (open only to students)
3. Abstract format:
  - ❖ 30-second video (mp4 format) and/or
  - ❖ 300-word plain text abstract of your presentation.
  - ❖ You may return and update the information until May 1.

Submit:

4. Go to the [abstract submission page](#)
5. Create an account with login name, password, and contact details.
6. Follow the instructions to upload your abstract.
7. You will receive an email confirmation of submission right away, and a status of acceptance note after May 17.

We strongly encourage you to submit short videos, along with the text of your abstract – after all, becoming friends with the camera is one step closer to a great presentation during the Conference.

## Timeline

Abstract submission opens	Feb. 12, 2021
Abstract submission closes	April 30, 2021
Notice of acceptance	May 17, 2021
Conference registration opens	April 1, 2021
Conference begins	Aug. 16, 2021

## Registration fees

Standard registration	\$100
Standard registration ( <i>lower and lower-middle income countries*</i> )	\$40
Student registration	\$40
Student registration ( <i>lower and lower-middle income countries*</i> )	\$15

\* [World Bank Designated Country List - lower and lower-middle income economies](#)

All prices in Canadian dollars. Fee includes secure access to the virtual platform of the Conference.

Please visit the Conference website for further information: <http://cfc2021.ubc.ca>

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Finally, we would very much appreciate if you **forward this Call for Abstracts** to other interested individuals within your organization and encourage participation. We hope the online format of this Conference will make it much more accessible to scholars, policy and decision makers and forest practitioners around the Commonwealth member countries and the world, in general.

Thank you for your support!

**We look forward to receiving your abstracts – and welcoming you on August 16, online.**

*The Organizing Committee of CFC 2021*

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Conference**

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