

2022 Preliminary Agenda

Forests Ontario's Annual Conference

📍 Virtual 📅 February 9-11



Wednesday, February 9

- 12:30pm-1:00pm: **Conference Opening**
Rob Keen, RPF and CEO of Forests Ontario
- 1:00pm-1:45pm: **Keynote Address**
Steve Hounsell, Chair of the Ontario Biodiversity Council and a founding director of the Canadian Business and Biodiversity Council
- 2:00pm-3:45pm: **Forest Management**
This session will feature a variety of speakers and address a mixed bag of forest management topics, while focusing on how to avoid (bio)diversity loss. Join in the conversation to hear different perspectives on key sector issues.

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Thursday, February 10

- 9:00am-12:30pm: **Forest Health Showcase**
Co-hosted by Forests Ontario, Natural Resources Canada, and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
- 1:00pm-3:00pm: **Stepping Through Scales**
From microscopic organisms to entire regional socio-ecological systems, our forests exist on many different scales. Take a journey through them, examining the impacts and effects this intricate web has on your backyard, your community, and your region.
- 4:00pm-4:30pm: **Conference Awards**

Friday, February 11

- 9:00am-11:15am: **Ecocentric to Anthropocentric Perspectives on Forest Values**
Join us for a panel discussion on what biodiversity means in different industries and cultures, and how we can ensure diverse ecosystems for the future.
- 11:30am-12:15pm: **Treevia**
- 12:45pm-2:00pm: **Wildfire Challenges in Canada**
This session will look at how things have evolved from natural disturbances to an intensified threat, what that means for the future of our forests, and how we're going to avoid/reduce loss of (bio) diversity?
- 2:30pm-3:45pm: **Sustainable Forestry - An Ally in the Fight Against Climate Change**
Join us for a panel session to differentiate myth from fact when it comes to sustainable forestry in Canada.
- 3:45pm: **Closing Remarks**
Rob Keen, RPF and CEO of Forests Ontario