

JOIN US AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Growing Together: Women, Forests, and a Sustainable Future

Date: October 10–11, 2025

Place: Arion Bank, Borgartún 19, 105 Reykjavík, Iceland

Agenda

1st day, Friday 10.10.2025







08:30–09:00 – **Arrival of participants and registration**

09:00–09:30 – **Welcome speeches**

- Ragnhildur Freysteinsdóttir, Chairwoman of Skógarkonur
- Jónatan Garðarsson, Chairman of Icelandic Forestry Association
- Dagmar Karisch-Gierer, Chairwoman of WOFO International

09:30–10:50 – **SESSION 1**

Forest education – building knowledge and skills of women in the forestry sector

- A space and place for leisure and pleasure – Forest in Iceland and its context of leisure, recreation and outdoor education, Eygló Rúnarsdóttir 
- Women in Forestry: Strategies and Practices to improve the Image of Forestry Education, Dagmar Karisch-Gierer  and Lesya Loyko 
- Resilient forest in climate change – from science to practice, Marzena Niemczyk 
- Climate change in forest pedagogics, Sabine Frommknecht 
- What difference does it make? ForGEDi online course on gender equity, diversity and inclusion in the global forest sector, Ida Wallin 

10:50–11:15 – **Coffee break**



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11:15–12:45 – **SESSION 2**

“I dare, I can, and I will!” – the role of women in combating climate change

- Icelandic women's solidarity and the Women's year 2025, Auður Önnu Magnúsdóttir 
- Seeds of Change: Girls and Women in the Forestry Sector, Nike Krajnc  and Lesya Loyko 
- Women Finding the Gaps: a perspective of our role in forest management and conservation in Michigan, Heidi Frei 
- The power of working together, Examples from Spain, Mongolia and USA   
- How to raise awareness for climate change and gender equality via media, Forst erklärt 

12:45–14:00 – **Lunch**

14:00–15:00 **SESSION 3**

Forestry in Iceland – facts, figures and female pioneers

- Forestry in Iceland – facts and figures, Ragnhildur Freysteinsdóttir
- Iceland female pioneers

15:00–16:00 **Summary of the day with discussions**

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2nd day, Saturday 11.10.2025

Field Visit

8.45–9:00 Gathering of participants

9:00 Bus departure from Höfði (Höfði is right next to Arion Bank)

10:00 Visit Snæfoksstaðir – local forestry association

12:00 Visit Haukadalsskógur – state forest and picnic lunch

14:00 Visit Geysir geothermal area

16:00 Visit Þingvellir National Park

18:00 Arrival back in Reykjavík

Important advisory for Field Visit

As October in Iceland may already bring true winter conditions, we kindly advise all participants to prepare accordingly for outdoor activities.

Please ensure you are equipped with:

- **Sturdy hiking boots**
- **Weather-appropriate outdoor clothing**, including layers for warmth
- **Rain gear**, such as waterproof jackets and trousers

Your comfort and safety in the field are our priority.



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

The conference will take place in Arion Bank, Borgartún 19, 105 Reykjavík, Iceland

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The conference will be held in English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

COSTS

The conference fee is 100 €. The fee covers the costs of the conference and study visit. It can be paid at the registration or by bank transfer before the conference. Participants have to manage their bookings and cover the costs of traveling and accommodation.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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The conference is organized by the international umbrella organization WOFO International. Local organizers are the Icelandic Forestry Association and Skógarkonur.

TRAVELLING TIPS

The conference place Arion Bank is close to the city center.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/xntwEpBDezGt2tGYA>

There are several hotels in the vicinity of the conference place.



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Number of places is limited.

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