



CPF Collaborative Partnership on Forests  
**WANGARI MAATHAI “FOREST CHAMPIONS” AWARD  
2015 NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) is awarding one extraordinary individual USD20,000 for improving our forests and the lives of people who depend on them!

The CPF launched the first Wangari Maathai Award in 2012 to honour and commemorate the impact of this extraordinary woman who championed forest issues around the world. In 2015, the CPF will award another individual for their outstanding achievements for forests.

The awardee will receive a cash prize of USD20,000 along with international recognition of their outstanding contributions to preserve, restore and sustainably manage forests and to raise awareness of the key role forests play in supporting local communities, rural livelihoods, women and the environment.

The Wangari Maathai Award, given for the first time in 2012, was created by CBD, CIFOR, FAO, GEF, ICRAF, ITTO, IUCN, IUFRO, UNCCD, UNDP, UNEP, UNFCCC, UNFF and World Bank, all members of the CPF. Nominations will be reviewed by an international jury of renowned personalities, who will also take into consideration such elements as empowering women and civil society, fostering social commitment, promoting networks and improving the valuation of forests in society.

**Eligibility:** Applicants should be nominated by a third party. Nominees may be persons, living or recently deceased, who have made exceptional contributions to forests. Professional and research contributions will only be considered if they are conducted outside of normal work-related responsibilities. Applications received from a nominee’s kin or business partner are not eligible for consideration. Applications related to grassroots initiatives are particularly encouraged.

**Selection:** The closing date for receipt of nominations is **Friday, 29 May 2015**. The awardee will be selected by a jury nominated by CPF members, which will take into account gender and regional balance when considering potential awardees.

**Announcement:** The awardee will be notified of their selection via email in early August 2015. This year’s Wangari Maathai Award will be presented on 10 September 2015, at the conclusion of the World Forestry Congress 2015 in Durban, South Africa.

**To submit an application:** Please send completed nominations to the CPF Secretariat at [cpf@un.org](mailto:cpf@un.org). The attached guidelines should be used when submitting your nomination.



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We invite you to nominate a candidate for the 2015 CPF Wangari Maathai “Forest Champions” Award. This is a unique opportunity acknowledge an inspiring individual who has improved our forests and the lives of people that depend on them.

The 2015 winner will be awarded USD20,000, and will be invited to receive their award in person on 10 September 2015, at the World Forestry Congress 2015 in Durban, South Africa .

Please complete the nomination in English, French or Spanish. The closing date for receipt of nominations is **Friday, 29 May 2015**.

The recipient will be selected by an international jury, nominated by CPF members, which will take into account gender and regional balance when considering potential awardees.

**1. Basic information:**

Include the following information in your nomination:

Your Name

(note: candidates cannot be nominated by next of kin or business partners):

Title:

First/Given Name:

Family Name:

Country:

Job/Profession:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Address:

Name of Nominee

Title:

First/Given Name:

Family Name:

Country:

Job/Profession:

Age:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Address:



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**2. Explanation of achievements:**

Please answer the following question, addressing the associated sub-points below, in 2500 words or less:

- How has your nominee contributed to the preservation, restoration and sustainable management of all types of forests? Provide concrete examples of how the nominee’s work has benefited local communities, rural livelihoods, women and the environment.
  - i. List three innovative aspects of the nominee’s work and how it reflects the spirit of Wangari Maathai’s ground-breaking achievements
  - ii. List three specific actions the nominee has taken to raise awareness of the key role forests play in rural livelihoods, women and the environment
  - iii. Identify how the nominee’s work has empowered others to take action, including civil society, through strengthened social commitment, community networks, and / or improved valuation of forests.

**3. References:**

Please provide at least two additional references willing to support the candidate’s nomination:

Title:  
First/Given Name:  
Family Name:  
Country:  
Job/Profession:  
Email:  
Telephone Number:  
Fax Number:  
Address:

**4. Supporting evidence:**

Please include a small sample of available photos, videos, press clippings or other supporting materials that reflect the accomplishments mentioned in the application.

**5. Submission:**

Please email the above information and additional supporting information to [cpf@un.org](mailto:cpf@un.org) with the subject: ‘Wangari Maathai Award nomination’



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