



“I just have something inside me that tells me that there is a problem, and I have got to do something about it.”



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Programme and tree planting will be webcast live from UN TV. Participants are encouraged to follow the proceedings virtually by sharing their thoughts and memories of Prof. Maathai using the hashtag

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## Celebrating the life and legacy of Nobel Laureate Prof. Wangari Muta Maathai

May 19, 2014



“ We owe it to ourselves and to the **next-generation** to conserve the environment so that we can bequeath **our children** a sustainable world that **benefits all.** ”

- Prof. Wangari Maathai



- Honoring the life and legacy of Nobel Laureate Prof. Wangari Muta Maathai (1940-2011)
- Commemorating the 10th anniversary of Prof. Wangari Muta Maathai becoming the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize (2004)
- Unveiling a plaque to mark the tree that she planted on May 17, 2005 during the 5th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) in the garden on the North Lawn of the United Nations Headquarters

This event is proudly organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations in collaboration with the Green Belt Movement International (GBMI), the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) and the International Council of Women (ICW).

## Program of Event

### 1:15pm

Introductory Remarks by Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kenya Mission to the United Nations **H.E. Amb. Koki Muli Grignon**

### 1:15-1:25pm

Documentary film

### 1:25-2:00pm

#### Key Note Speaker:

**Prof. Judi Wakhungu**, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

**H.E. Mrs. Sofia Mesquita Borges**, Permanent Representative of Timor Leste and Vice-President of the General Assembly

**Ms. Amina Mohammed**, Special Adviser to the Secretary General on the Post 2015 Development Planning

**Mr. Liam Kavanagh**, First Deputy Commissioner of Parks, New York

**Ms. Mia MacDonald**, Chair, Green Belt Movement International USA

**Mr. Waweru Mathai**, Son of Late Prof. Wangari Maathai

**Ms. Wanjira Mathai**, Daughter of Late Prof. Wangari Maathai

### 2:00-2:05pm

Brief closing remarks by the Deputy Permanent Representative

### 2:10-2:20pm

Delegations leave for the NLB Garden

### 2:20-2:40pm

Tree Planting Ceremony

1. Laying of the commemorative plaque by **Prof. Judi Wakhungu**, **Ms. Amina Mohammed** and **H.E. Mrs. Sofia Mesquita Borges**

2. Presentation of a Dogwood tree by **Mr. Liam Kavanagh** to **Prof. Judi Wakhungu** and **Ms. Amina Mohammed**

3. Tree planting by **Prof. Wakhungu**, **Ms. Mohammed** and **Mrs. Borges** (assisted by **Margaret Snyder** and **Marcela Tovar**) and unveiling of the commemorative plaque

### 2:40pm

Ceremony Ends