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## **Global Forest and Paper Industry Celebrates International Day of Forests**

WASHINGTON – The theme of the 2015 United Nations International Day of Forests is “*Forests and Climate Change*.” The International Council of Forest and Paper Associations ([ICFPA](http://www.icfpa.org)) is proud to represent the global forest products industry and its commitment to climate change mitigation all along the value chain.

The ICFPA’s Statement on Climate Change is available at:

<http://www.icfpa.org/uploads/Modules/Publications/icfpa-statement-on-climate-change.pdf>

“Trees, especially those in well-managed forests, absorb carbon dioxide,” said ICFPA President Donna Harman. “Carbon dioxide remains stored when trees are used to make forest products, and that storage can be prolonged through recycling.”

In addition, the forest products industry plays an important role in contributing to the production of renewable energy and reducing dependence on fossil fuels by using residuals and byproducts to produce much of the energy required for its operations. These residuals and byproducts, known as biomass, are carbon neutral when combusted for energy, according to the international carbon accounting principle.

Through process and product innovation, the forest products industry is providing a wide range of new sustainable bio-based products that benefit society.

The ICFPA represents more than 30 national and regional forest and paper associations around the world. Together, ICFPA members represent over 90 percent of global paper production and half of global wood production.

For more information about the sustainability of the global forest and paper industry, visit [icfpa.org](http://www.icfpa.org).

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