

IFSA statement for HLPD 2022

Supporting the recovery and sustainable management of Ukrainian forests and its forest sector

In Ukraine, the ability of students to attend classes, and accordingly the stability of the educational process, depends on the region. After the beginning of the war, all universities were transferred to online education. Most educational institutions were forced to take a break at the start, with the exception of universities in the Western regions. The implementation of the educational process by educational institutions, and the possibility of students visiting classes in the occupied regions and/or close to the front lines is still very complicated due to the instability of communication and the danger of attack. Therefore, students in such regions can join classes only on an irregular basis. The ratio of men to women remains roughly the same as before the war. Male students are not subject to mobilization, but a large number of both male and female students volunteered or joined the Armed Forces on a voluntary basis.

Through the International Association of Forestry Students, addressing international partners and organizations, Ukrainian youth want to express their desire for support and mentoring in the field of international opportunities, forestry education, and SFM practices.

Providing capacity-building activities and student training in soft skills through cooperation with international forestry organizations on these issues will help Ukrainian youth to gain the necessary international experience and confidence. These joint activities will be useful in the reconstruction and reformation of the country and people's knowledge, if we take into account the current direction of Ukraine, it will provide hope for a brighter and peaceful tomorrow in which/where we will be the main actors.



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