



ACT NOW!

FORESTS FOR FUTURE

13. - 17. SEPT 2011 JOENSUU, FINLAND

The year 2011 was declared the International Year of Forests by the United Nations *to raise awareness and strengthen the sustainable forest management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations.*

ENO Programme association will organise a global conference for pupils, teachers and people interested in forests. *Act Now! Forests For Future* will take place 13-17 September 2011 in the city of Joensuu, Finland. Participants will get to know about Finnish education and schools, visit the Koli National Park and naturally plant trees. The main event will take place 15-16 September at Joensuu Areena where a whole world will be built with imaginative forest areas. ENO schools and partner organisations will arrange workshops and activities linked to forests in their countries. They will be physically located in "their countries", based on the world map that is drawn on the floor of Joensuu Areena. Audience will have their "world tour" from one country and continent to another. This event is suitable for everybody interested in forests. As the name of conference obliges, we have to act and take care of our forests. During the days, pupils will prepare special **ENO Action Plan** about forests that will be sent to United Nations. They will also be published 16th of September 2011 as well as the online book **Peace Forest**, written by children and youth in over 100 countries. *Act Now! – Forests For Future* is one of the key events for the international year of forests on the [UN website](#).

Workshops and presentations will broadly cover *the importance, multi-use and sustainable use of forests*. Lectures and excursions will be arranged as well. The patron of ENO Programme, **Dr Jane Goodall** and **Shafqat Kakakhel** (ex vice-secretary general of UNEP) have been invited to conference as keynote speakers. 500 -1 000 teachers and pupils from 100 countries are expected to participate. They come from ENO schools and partner organisations. The expected number of total visitors is 7 000. In addition, all the ambassadors from participating countries are invited. Registration and more information can be found on the ENO Programme website from February 2011.

ENO Conference will be organised in co-operation with The *Koli Forum*. The Koli Forum (14-16 September 2011) is a new top-level initiative to establish a new discussion forum on natural resources. The University of Eastern Finland and the regional council of North Karelia are the main organisers of Koli Forum (www.koliforum.fi). President of Finland **Tarja Halonen** and **Gro-Harlem Brundtland** are invited to join Koli Forum.



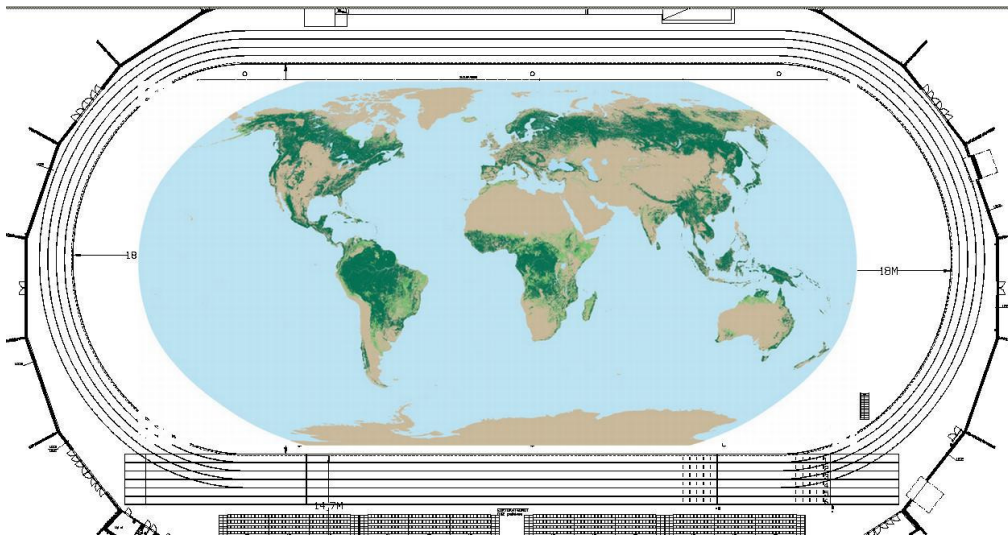
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The Joensuu Arena, Finland



Inside the Joensuu Arena there is map on the floor representing world forest areas. Forest will be brought to here as images, lights, sounds etc. In the middle of arena (Congo on the map) there is a tall "tree" that extends to top of building. This tree will be a gathering place for people.



A view from Koli National Park in autumn