



Confederation of European Forest Owners

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The Confederation of European Forest Owners brings all its support to the candidacy of Ms Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle for the post of Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations

During the annual General Assembly in Lisbon on 4 June 2019 the Members of Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF) decided to bring all their support to Ms Geslain-Lanéelle's candidacy as the next Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

CEPF welcomes the fact Ms Geslain-Lanéelle is the candidate presented jointly by the EU and that forest management at global level is one the priorities in her program.

Ms Geslain-Lanéelle has her background as an agricultural engineer and she has been working as Executive Director of the European Food Safety Agency and as Under Secretary of State in the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

CEPF President, Mr **Hubert de Schrolemer**, said "CEPF Members welcome Ms Geslain-Lanéelle's interest and motivation towards the forest sector, including European forests. We wish her every success for the upcoming elections"

The next Director-General will be elected in the 41st session of FAO conference in Rome on 23 June.

