

## EVENING SPEAKER SERIES with the United States Delegation and Its Partners

[Hosted by the US Forest Service International Programs. Refreshments will be served.]

Join us at the **Rechigi Hotel** (Via Pietro Fortunato Calvi, 30, 46100 Mantova MN, Italy) or virtually

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**TUESDAY**  
November 27

### Investing in Urban Youth and Nature for A Sustainable Future

*A Conversation with Michelle Rabkin, Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, and Liza Paqueo, US Forest Service International Programs*

Join us for an intimate discussion on the different approaches that one can use to empower young people and engender a strong conservation ethic. It can often start with taking stock of the resources in one's own backyard—from the flowers that grow in the cracks in a sidewalk to the solo concertinas of urban birds. Eventually the objective is to forge strong ties between nature and the community. Learn how to create positive relationships between people and nature through partnerships, education, research, exhibits and public forums in Chicago, Illinois. Find out how the US Forest Service works with the Nature Museum as well as with other partners around the world to inspire young people.



**WEDNESDAY**  
November 28

### Women in Urban Forestry and Natural Resources:

*A global discussion with experiences from Canada, Colombia, USA, Tanzania, Mexico and Ukraine*

This panel will create a space to discuss and share experiences, challenges and lessons learned related to being a woman in a natural resource profession. Panelists will share their stories of how they have navigated any inequities or injustices in their professional fields and countries as it relates to their gender. They will also highlight successes, and discuss concrete steps that individuals and organizations can take to break down gender barriers.

*with Lindsay Campbell, Rachel Sheridan (USA), Adrina Bardekjian (Canada), Elida Fundi (Tanzania), Rossana Landa (Mexico), Maria Arroyave (Colombia) and Radmila Ustych (Ukraine)*



**FRIDAY**  
November 30

### A Practitioner's Global Guide to Urban Agriculture: Growing Food and Community in Cairo's Informal Settlements

*A Conversation with Abdallah Tawfic, Urban Greens, Cairo, Egypt, and Erika Svendsen, US Forest Service's New York City Urban Field Station*

Urban agriculture has the potential to supply food to about 700 million city dwellers. It creates less food waste, requires less transport and results in lower refrigeration costs and emissions overall, which is good news for the environment. It can also open new job markets for urban residents and in places in need of economic growth. It can serve as a platform for community decision-making and cultivating local leadership.

Join us for an in-depth conversation on how to start an urban agriculture program from the ground up. Explore how urban forestry and urban agriculture practices can support each other. In addition, learn how important this work is to people and communities throughout the world.

