

Invitation to the webinar

Proforestation

with professor **William R. Moomaw, Ph.D., USA**

on **Monday, 14th of June 2021, at 19:00 CEST via MS-Teams (English)**

Program

- Welcome
 - Viktoria Hasler, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Directorate „Environment and Circular Economy“ and
 - Volkhard Maier, Kalkalpen National Park
- Introduction
 - Christoph Nitsch, Network Natural Forest
- Proforestation
 - William R. Moomaw
- Discussion



Moderation: Hanns Kirchmeir, E.C.O. Institute of Ecology, Klagenfurt

William R. Moomaw is Professor Emeritus of International Environmental Policy at the Fletcher School of Tufts University, Massachusetts. Moomaw has worked at the intersection of science and policy, advocating for international sustainable development. He is one of the 5 co-authors of the paper World Scientists' Warning of a Climate Emergency, signed by 11,000 scientists.

He coined the term proforestation to summarise his approach to rapidly needed carbon sequestration. In several publications, he and his team have explained why it is imperative to preserve existing old-growth forests if we are to win the battle against global warming.

The Northern Limestone Alps region is home to exceptional forest areas and with the UNESCO World Natural Heritage “Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests”, Austria has a special responsibility to preserve and connect these natural forests. Now it is a matter of maintaining or - where necessary - improving the functional ecological connectivity of these outstanding areas through a coordinated network of protection and careful use.

We cordially invite you to take advantage of this rare opportunity to learn first-hand about the topic of proforestation and to join in the discussion.

The webinar will be held in English and participation is free of charge.

We kindly ask you to register by Thursday, 10 June 2021 by email to christoph.nitsch@kalkalpen.at . We will then send you the link for participation.

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