



Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael (KKL-JNF), founded in 1901, is one of the oldest environmental non-governmental organizations in the region. KKL-JNF acts as the forest service of Israel as a result of a special mandate from the government.

At the turn of the last century, due to mismanagement and depletion of natural resources, particularly deforestation and desertification, KKL-JNF was faced with a difficult landscape and challenging climactic conditions in which to work. In spite of the odds, KKL-JNF has planted over **240** million trees, built around **230 water reservoirs**, and gained invaluable knowledge and expertise in using innovative technology and techniques to promote sustainable development and healthy forest, desert, and open space landscapes.

Today, the world is witness to a global, drastic change in climate, one with no end in sight. As a result, more and more countries are faced with the threats of desertification, drought and deforestation; conditions similar to those which Israel has been coping with for decades. KKL-JNF is committed to sharing the uniquely relevant knowledge we have gained over the years with other countries facing these threats.

Areas of Expertise



Forestry

- Dryland Afforestation
- Sustainable Forest Management and Tree Improvement
- Community Forestry
- Integrated Pest Management





Areas of Expertise



Water

- Wetland Restoration
- Biofilters Water Sensitive Cities
- River and Stream Rehabilitation
- Runoff and Recycled Water

Areas of Expertise



- Combating Desertification
- Applied Research and Development innovations in forestry, water and agriculture
- Agroforestry and Food Security
- Sustainable Development
- Degraded Land Rehabilitation



- United Nations Activities:
 - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC-COP) Accredited Observer
 - United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Accredited Observer
 - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Forestry Department:
 - COFO National Representatives
 - European Commission on Forestry
 - Silva Mediterranea
 - Workshop on Private Investment in Forest & Landscape Restoration
 - United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)/ National Correspondent to the Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA2015)
 - United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)
 - United Nations Habitat Forum
- International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) Member
- International Arid Lands Consortium (IALC) Partner
- European Policy Center (EPC) Blue Gold Water Task Force Member
- European Forest Institute (EFI) and EFI Mediterranean Regional Office (EFIMED)
- MOUs with: United States Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Victoria, Province of Manitoba, Monash University, Republika Srpska (Bosnia) Forest Service, Montenegro Ministry of Agriculture, and others



KKL-JNF: Israel's Largest Green NGO

KKL-JNF's varied and many projects are key factors in shaping Israel. They preserve open spaces, transform the landscape through afforestation, provide innovative water management solutions and promote income-generating activities, including cutting-edge agriculture and tourism for the people in the periphery. Our knowledge and experience cross borders, benefitting countries near and far, particularly in the areas of sustainable forestry and arid landscape development. We educate today's children, who will become the environmentally conscious citizens of tomorrow, thereby creating a viable future for Israel – and the world.



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