



Theme: Sustainable commodities and value chains

Session 5: Achieving corporate commitments and zero deforestation initiatives for agricultural commodities

Tuesday, February 20 16:00-17:30, Red Room (tbc)

Hosts: UNDP, GEF, ICRAF, WB, UNEP

Moderator: Tim Clairs (tbc)

*Approximately one-third of the world's population — some 2.6 billion people – depends on agriculture for their livelihoods. Sustainable agriculture can serve as an engine for rural growth, tackling poverty and improving livelihoods as well as global food security. By targeting key sections of the global commodity supply chain — production, demand and financing — lasting change may be possible. Ultimately, these efforts should increase supply chain transparency, build awareness, and drive demand for sustainable commodities in key consumer markets. At the same time, demand-driven deforestation should be reduced.

This session will discuss how to achieve these goals, examining programmes such as the Good Growth Partnership, initiated by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). This partnership, involving major agricultural exporters, multinational corporations, conservation and development agencies, as well as farmers themselves, may be transformative. The Green Climate Fund, New York Declaration on Forests (NYDF), Governors' Climate and Forest Task Force and Consumers Good Forum will also be discussed.

Key questions or discussion points:

- 1.1. What is the role of the private sector in efforts to reduce deforestation? (tbd)

Supporting information or readings

Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator, Opening Keynote at the Official Launch for the GEF Integrated Approach Pilot on 'The Good Growth Partnership: Cultivating Sustainability in the Global Supply Chain'

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