



Theme: Innovative instruments to upscale progress: Financing, Technologies and Research

Session 13: Public and private international finance

Thursday, February 22 09:00-10:30, Red Room

Hosts: WB, UNEP, UNFF, ITTO, ICRAF, GEF

Moderator: Andrew Mitchell, Global Canopy & Ecosphere+

Sustainable land use is an important goal and one that is complex to achieve. One key issue is to better understand the role that public and private capital play in shaping land use in order to move towards a system that stimulates and rewards it. There is also a growing interest in scaling-up private finance and investment for sustainable land use.

At the same time, sustainable forest management – including restoration and forest protection – as well as related climate change mitigation and adaptation must be balanced against the need to increase agricultural output to reduce food insecurity while maintaining stable economic growth and job security. Furthermore, given that agriculture is the main driver of deforestation, a growing number of agricultural producers, processors, traders and consumer goods companies have committed to decouple deforestation from production. However, despite these pledges and government efforts to reduce deforestation, the world continues to lose more than seven million ha of tropical forests every year.

This session aims to discuss these complex issues and consider how to unlock and scale-up climate finance for sustainable land use, particularly from the private sector. What models work and can be scaled up, and how can governments contribute to unlocking private capital

Key questions or discussion points:

1. How can the public and the private financial sectors collaborate for a stronger impact on sustainable land use?
2. What is expected from the public sector to facilitate the financing of sustainable land use by the private sector?
3. What is expected from the private sector in order for governments and international financial organization to support and assist them in developing green financing?

Confirmed speakers:

Name	Title
Ben Valk	Head of Food & Agri Partnerships at Rabobank
Bernice Hernandez Toro	Director of Financing National Forestry Commission of Mexico

Supporting information or readings

Video: Unlocking private finance and investment for sustainable forestry and agricultural production

<http://bit.ly/2DgwwlP>

UN-REDD Policy Brief: The role of the private sector in REDD+ the case for engagement and options for investment

<http://bit.ly/2mRRI9m>

TFA2020, ISH, Climate Focus, CDP: Zero-deforestation commodity supply chains by 2020: Are we on track?

<http://bit.ly/2rfHASE>