



Theme: Approaches to managing landscapes in an integrated way under a changing climate

Session 3: Forest Management and Landscape Restoration

Tuesday, February 20 14:00-15:30, Red Room (tbc)

Hosts: IUFRO, UNEP, IUCN, FAO, CIFOR

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The sustainable management and restoration of forest landscapes offers considerable potential to meet social and environmental objectives, reduce coordination barriers across jurisdictions and sectors, reduce competing land uses, and promote social equity. Worldwide, there are many examples of sustainable forest management and forest landscape restoration that contribute to halting deforestation and increasing forest cover. Some, for example, use natural and assisted regeneration; others use planted forests, riparian plantings or agro-forestry.

Sustainable forest management and restoration are directly relevant to achieving at least three of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). That includes SDG 15, which urges protection, restoration and promotion of the sustainable use of ecosystems, and a halt to and reversal of land degradation and desertification. SDG 13 calls for urgent action to combat climate change, and SDG 2 calls for improved food security.

This session will present sustainable forest management and forest landscape restoration approaches to managing landscapes in an integrated way under a changing climate, by illustrating best practices on the ground as well as promoting key enabling conditions, such as policy and governance arrangements.

Key questions or discussion points:

1. Examples of approaches, policies, measures and/or informal arrangements that have helped to reduce deforestation and/or promote forest landscape restoration (tbd)
2. Linkages and the contribution of SFM and FLR approaches to achieve the SDGs and the UNFF Strategic Plan on Forests 2017-2030
3. What market incentives/investment arrangements are needed to generate income/benefits from more sustainable land use while maintaining forest values?

Confirmed speakers:

| Name | Title |
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| Lina Pohl | Minister of Environment El Salvador |
| Tangu Tumeo | Principal Forestry Officer and Alternate Focal Point for FLR, Department of Forest at Malawi's Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining |
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