

# Working across Sectors to Halt Deforestation and Increase Forest Area FROM ASPIRATION TO ACTION



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

## Session 15: Financial instruments to mobilize domestic funding

Thursday, February 22 11:00-12:30, Red Room

**Hosts:** GEF, FAO, UNDP

**Moderator:** Mrs. Hanta Rabetaliana/Mr. Ulrich Apel (GEF)

Domestic public-sector contributions continue to play a critical role in forest financing, as this is often the only source of funding for forestry activities focused on social and environmental benefits. With close to 80 percent of the world's forests publicly owned, funds garnered through political means can also serve an important leveraging function to boost private sector investments. However, most countries are unable to raise adequate domestic public and private funds for the forest sector, as forests have often been treated as quick sources of revenue with minimal re-investment into the management of forests.

Success in domestic forest finance stems mainly from: strong political support; good systems of governance; adequate policy framework; capacity to work with, and benefit from, other sectors; efficient, robust and flexible implementation; alignment with the international development agenda; and involvement of forest communities and other stakeholders.

The session will identify and assess ongoing investment mechanisms and models aimed at halting deforestation; share lessons learned concerning successful outcomes; identify innovative ideas and highlight ways to improve domestic funding to halt deforestation.

### Key questions or discussion points:

1. Which financial instruments can help national forest financing strategies raise additional financing and make more efficient use of resources?
2. How can the forest sector better connect with other relevant sectors to leverage funding for program objectives, including the important role of the public-private partnerships?

### Confirmed speakers:

| Name                   | Title   |
|------------------------|---|
| Mr. Youssef Saadani    | Ex-General Director of Forestry, Tunisia  |
| Mr. Alain Karsenty     | Agricultural research for development (CIRAD), Department of Environment France |
| Mr. Gnanvi Appolinaire | Director of the National Fund for Environment and Climate, Benin                |
| Mrs. Hanta Rabetaliana | Former General Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Madagascar |

### Supporting information or readings

Matta, R. (2015): Towards effective national forest funds. FAO Forestry Paper 174, Rome, Italy.

<http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4359e.pdf>

Karsenty, A. (2015): Using PES to achieve "zero-deforestation" agriculture.

<http://bit.ly/2Be6UIG>

Webmanagercenter (8 April 2017): Le "Pacte pour une Tunisie verte", une initiative nationale pour soutenir le financement et la promotion du secteur forestier en Tunisie.

<http://bit.ly/2mTGoA5>

National Fund for Environment and Climate in Benin.

<http://fnec-benin.org/2017/01/06/presentation-du-fnec/>