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XIV World Forestry Congress

Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable Future

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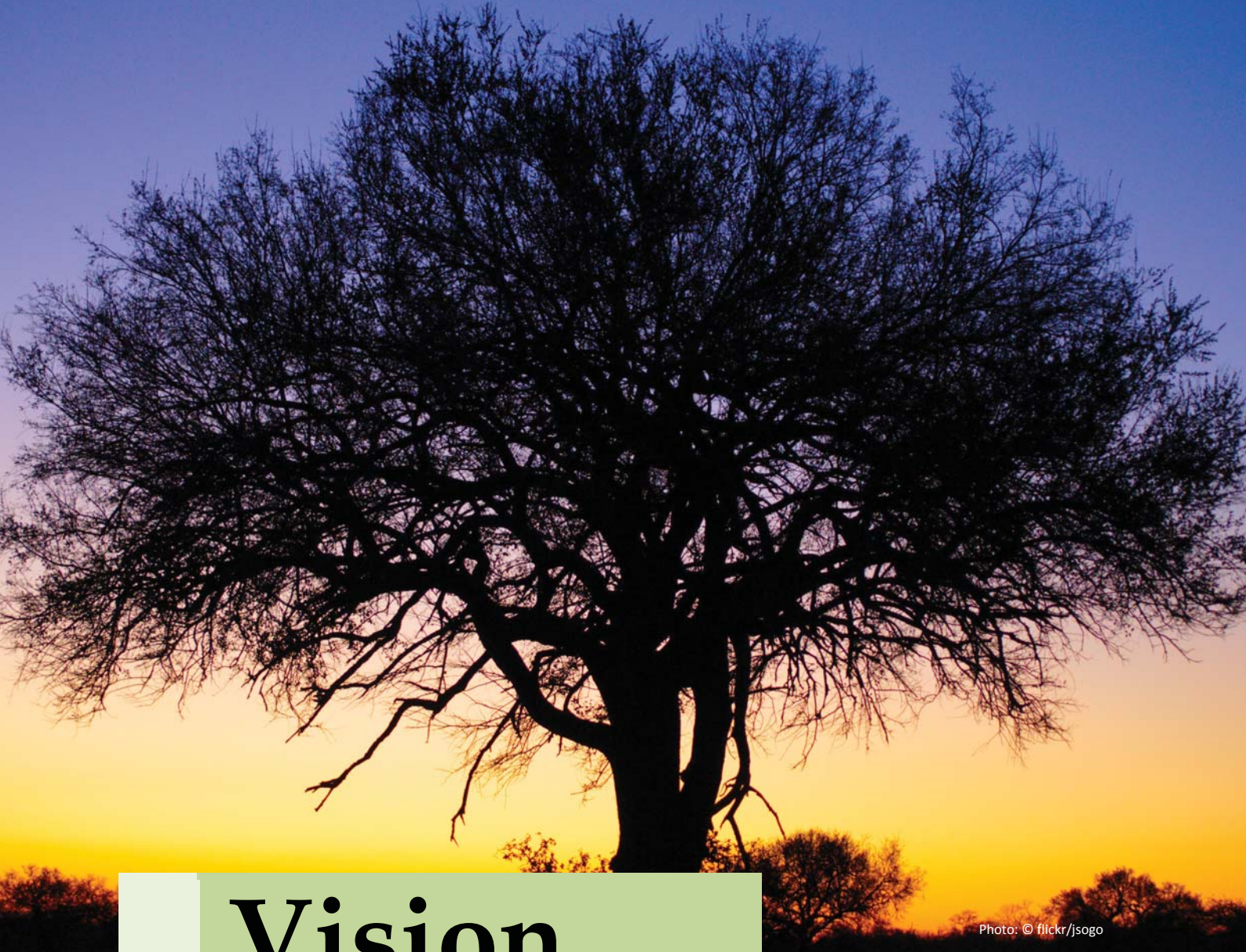


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Vision

The XIV World Forestry Congress (WFC) aims to build a new vision – a new way of thinking and acting – for the future of forests and forestry in sustainable development.

Investing in forests and forestry – in assets, in the enabling environment and in knowledge – means:

- integrating forests and other land uses
- enhancing the significant role of forests in climate change
- forests for improved food security
- making wood energy use more sustainable and efficient
- securing education and employment for youth

Vision for forests and forestry 2050

For the first time ever, the World Forestry Congress (WFC) is hosted in the African region. Africa epitomizes many of the most important global challenges and opportunities for forests and forestry including climate change, urbanization, and increasing demands for commodities and environmental services. Coupled with competition for public funding, and a need to empower local communities, engage the private sector and strengthen governance and institutional reform, these are some of the issues at the core of the theme “Forests and people: investing in a sustainable future” and they all require urgent action.

Forests and people: investing in a sustainable future

The Congress will show that investment in forestry is an investment in people and, in turn, an investment in national economies and sustainable development. People are at the centre of sustainable development. Forestry has immense potential in empowering people, in helping eradicate poverty, and in sustainably managing resources, all leading to sustainable development.

Informing the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2015 Paris Climate Conference COP 21

The Congress is very timely in terms of the post-2015 development agenda. Although the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are expected to be agreed just two weeks after the Congress, this gathering provides a great opportunity to consider the ways that forests can contribute to the implementation of the SDGs and the new climate change regime.

Innovative and inclusive

The Congress serves as a key venue in 2015 for the world’s foresters – from decision-makers to local practitioners as well as partners from other sectors – to share their knowledge, experience and latest findings in a forum that will allow for challenging, constructive and sometimes controversial debate.

Critical issues will be addressed through the use of innovative approaches that engage participants in dynamic and stimulating dialogues. Key stakeholders, including young people, women, indigenous people and local communities, experts, practitioners and others from a wide range of sectors, will participate.

The stage is set for a participatory Congress where all participants will be given a platform for the voice of the constituencies they represent to be heard and where they will be free to share their ideas, practices, technologies and experiences.

There will be a rich XIV WFC programme with plenary and technical sessions, special events and side events. More than 300 speakers are expected, many have already confirmed their attendance. Check our website regularly to see updates on the XIV WFC Programme.

Facilitators

The Congress will have some well known facilitators, including Roberta Annan from Ghana, who is an impact investment developer for Africa and advocate for women entrepreneurs, and news anchors Matt Frei, Channel 4, and James Astill, The Economist.



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The growing threat of climate change has dramatically increased the importance of our forests

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Mr Senzeni Zokwana
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
South Africa



Pre-Congress events

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Friday

09.00-17.00

Social Media Boot Camp (FAO)

A capacity-building event aimed to help participants improve social media skills including blogging, Twitter and social reporting

Forests, people and environment: African Forest Forum (AFF)

The role of forests and trees in national economic development and poverty alleviation; improving food security and nutrition; and enhancing environmental stability and other forest values. This event brings together African stakeholders to examine the achievements, challenges and opportunities regarding forests and forestry in Africa.

Research symposium: **Underpinning sustainable tree plantations in Southern Africa**, Institute for Commercial Forestry Research (ICFR)

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Saturday

09.00-17.00

Social Media Boot Camp (FAO)

09.00-17.00

Forests, people and environment – Day 2 (AFF)

10.00-17.30

Building momentum for action for community-based forestry, forest and farm producer organizations – A pre-Congress event for forest producers

A roadmap for action, a communication and outreach strategy for the WFC, based on the shared experiences and challenges of community-based forestry representatives, forest and farm organizations, stakeholders from governmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders (FAO – Forest and Farm Facility (FFF))

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Sunday

09.00-17.00

Social Media Boot Camp – Day 3 (FAO)

10.00-17.30

Building Momentum – Day 2 (FAO-FFF)

13.00-17.00

Youth

Setting the stage: engage, speak out, be heard! A youth orientation event providing advice on how to network and get the most out of their Congress experience (IFSA, FAO)

18.00-21.00
XIV WFC Welcome cocktail

Weekly overview

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Monday

09.00-10.30
Opening ceremony

10.30-12.00
High-level dialogue on
global forest agenda

12.45-14.15
Side events & partner
meetings

14.30-16.15
Plenary session

16.15-18.15
Sub-theme dialogues

18.30-19.30
Poster sessions

19.45-21.00
Side events & partner
meetings

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Tuesday

08.30-10.00
Plenary session

10.00-10.30
Launch of the Global
Forest Resources
Assessment (FRA) 2015

10.30-12.30
Sub-theme dialogues

12.45-14.15
Side events & partner
meetings

14.15-16.15
Special event
More than heat! Wood
energy for the future

16.15-18.15
Special event
Youth – Forests for the future

18.15-19.30
Side events & partner
meetings

19.45-21.00
Side events & partner
meetings

21.00
Youth beach party

10.00-17.30 International Forests and Water Dialogue

09.00-18.00 Third Forum of the UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance

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Wednesday

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16.15-18.15
Special event Africa

18.15-19.30
Side events & partner meetings

19.45-21.00
Side events & partner meetings

10.00-15.00 Wildlife Forum

10.00-17.30 International Forests and Water Dialogue

09.00-18.00 Third Forum of the UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance

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Thursday

08.30-11.30
Special events
Innovation & Investment Forum
Special events
Forests & Climate Change

11.30-12.30
Joint event: Innovation and Investment, Forests and Climate Change

12.45-14.15
Side events & partner meetings

12.45-14.15
Business networking

14.30-16.30
Plenary session

16.30-17.30
CPF Wangari Maathai Award

18.00-21.00
Closing dinner

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Friday

09.00-12.00
The way forward
Special sessions

12.45-14.15
Side events & partner meetings

14.30-15.30
Closing plenary

15.30-16.30
Closing ceremony

XIV WFC technical papers

XIV WFC will be hugely enriched by the inclusion of over 850 voluntary papers, more than 250 posters and 40 videos that have been submitted from over 100 countries. A number of the papers will be included in the sub-theme dialogues during the week. There will be a designated poster display area and submitted videos will be shown on screens in the Congress centre.



Exhibition area

A dedicated exhibition space has been established in the separate but easily accessible Durban Exhibition Centre. A number of exhibitions will be showcasing the work and products of many forest-related organizations. This area provides further possibilities for delegates to meet and network in between the main Congress events.

TREEHOUSING

INTERNATIONAL WOOD DESIGN COMPETITION

TREEHOUSING is an international wood design competition featured by the XIV WFC. Housing for the world's growing urban population and the threat of deforestation are two of the most significant issues facing humanity today.

TREEHOUSING challenges architecture students, professional architects and designers to develop innovative and sustainable wood housing and urban building solutions. Winners will be selected by an international jury led by Canadian architect Michael Green, who is known for his research, leadership and advocacy in promoting the use of wood.

MAGNUM P H O T O S

Award-winning Magnum photographer Stuart Franklin will lead the jury of the Forests and People Photo Contest. The winner will receive a trip to the Congress, as well as a portfolio review by Stuart Franklin.

The winning photograph and 15 runners-up will also feature in a XIV WFC calendar.



Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award 2015

To honour the memory of Kenyan environmentalist Wangari Maathai, a champion of forest issues worldwide and the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, this award was established by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF).

The award will be presented in the afternoon of Thursday 10 September.



CPF
Collaborative Partnership
on Forests



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Monday



H.E. Senzeni Zokwana
Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries,
Republic of South Africa



Mr. José Graziano da Silva
Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations



H.R.H. Prince Laurent of Belgium
FAO Special Ambassador for Forests and
the Environment



**H.E. Nkosazana Clarice
Dlamini-Zuma**
Chairperson, African Union Commission



H.E. General Bheki Cele
Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and
Fisheries, Republic of South Africa

09.00
10.30

Opening Ceremony

The official Opening Ceremony of the XIV WFC begins with South African cultural performances displaying the rich heritage of the host country.

Speakers:

H.E. Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, President of South Africa will open the Congress (tbc)

Mr. José Graziano da Silva, Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

H.R.H. Prince Laurent of Belgium, FAO Special Ambassador for Forests and the Environment

H.E. Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission

H.E. Senzeni Zokwana, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Republic of South Africa

A tree-planting ceremony with the attendance of dignitaries will be held in the City of Durban.

10.30
12.00

High-level dialogue – Forests are vital for implementing the post-2015 development agenda

The high-level dialogue will explore the types of investment in forests, forestry and forest communities that can best contribute to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the future climate-change regime.

Confirmed ministers:

The dialogue will have several high-level speakers from across the world:

H.E. Noël Nelson Messone, Minister for Forestry, Environment and Protection of Natural Resources, Gabon

H.E. Abdeladim Lhafi, High Commissioner for Water, Forests and Fight against Desertification, Morocco

H.E. Shin Won-Sup, Minister, Korean Forest Service, Republic of Korea

H.E. Ralava Bevoarimisa, Minister for Environment, Ecology, Forests and the Sea, Madagascar

Chairpersons:

H.E. General Bheki Cele, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Republic of South Africa

Hosny El-Lakany, Chair of the World Forestry Congress Advisory Committee

12.45
14.15

Side events and partner meetings

Opening plenary

Forest and people: investing in a sustainable future

Issues: Role of public and private investments; what drives investments in forests and how to minimize risks for investors; sustainable land use investments; partnerships; investments in forestry for poverty eradication.

Key speakers:

Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (video message)

Paula Caballero, Senior Director, Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice, World Bank

Göran Persson, former Prime Minister of Sweden

Paulo Adario, Greenpeace International

Peter Holmgren, Director General, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

Miguel Lovera, Global Forest Coalition

Elizabeth de Carvalhaes, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries (ACSEI)

14.30
16.15

Subtheme (ST) dialogues: Session 1 and presentation of voluntary papers

ST 1. Forests for socioeconomic development and food security – Building enabling policy environments for communities and forest-farm producers

Key speakers: Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (tbc); Tint Lwin Thuang, Executive Director, Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC)

ST 2. Building resilience with forests – What is resilience and why does it matter?

Key speakers: Mike Wingfield, President, International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), Sharon Rusu, The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), Octavio Carrasquilla, Chief Executive Officer of Environment and Climate Change, Corporación Andina de Fomento

ST 3. Integrating forests and other land uses – Feeding the world: land-use options and the role of forests and trees.

Key speakers: Mirna Cunningham, Indigenous Peoples' leader, Ester Penunia, Asia Farmers Association

ST 4. Encouraging product innovation and sustainable trade – Growing better trees for the needs of humankind

Key speakers: Mike May, Vice-President, Public Affairs, FuturaGene, Lars Laestadius, World Resources Institute, Louis du Plessis (CEO, Southern Cross Forestry Development), Antti Marjokorpi (StoraEnso)

ST 5. Monitoring forests for better decision-making – Who benefits and what are the returns on investment?

Key speakers: Greg Reams, US Forest Service

ST 6. Improving governance by building capacity – Building capacity to address forest-related governance issues across sectors

Key speakers: Prof. Tanya Abrahamse, Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the UN Secretary General, Senator Jorge Viana, Vice-President of the Federal Senate of Brazil

18.30
19.30

Poster sessions

19.45
21.00

Side events and partner meetings

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Tuesday



Braulio F. de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary, Convention on
Biological Diversity



Paula Caballero
Senior Director, Environment and Natural
Resources Global Practice, World Bank



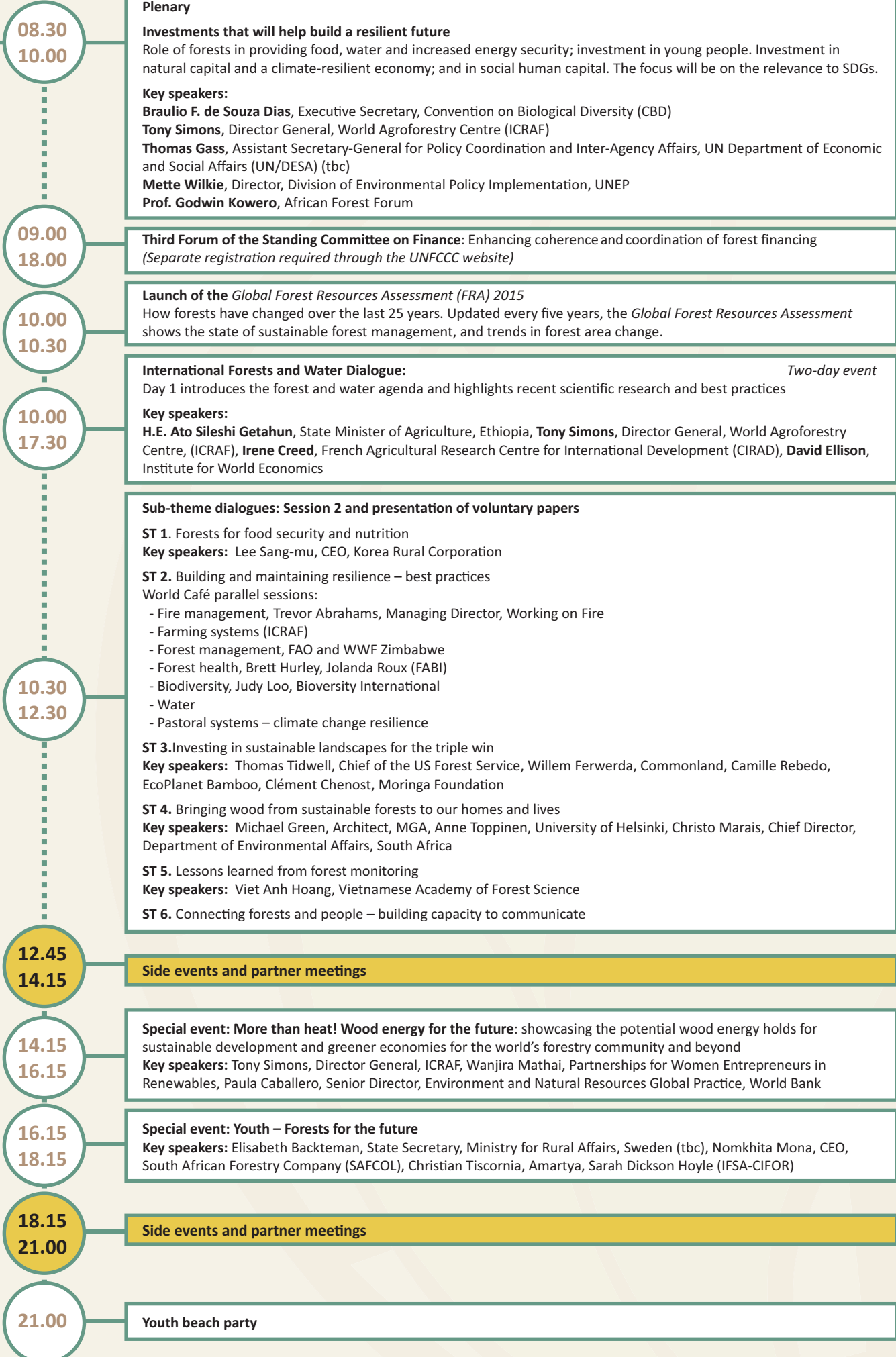
Tony Simons
Director General, World Agroforestry Centre



Victoria Tauli-Corpuz
UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of
Indigenous Peoples



Peter Holmgren
Director General, Center for
International Forestry Research



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Wednesday



Professor Edith Vries

Director General, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Republic of South Africa



John Scanlon

Secretary General, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)



Elisabeth Backteman

State Secretary, Ministry for Rural Affairs, Sweden



Godwin Kowero

African Forest Forum

08.30 10.00	<p>Plenary session Inspiring solutions for a sustainable future New mechanisms and tools that could help to build a sustainable future Key speakers: Luther Bois Anukur, Deputy Regional Director, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Sergio Zelaya, Special Advisor on Global Issues, UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Professor Edith Vries, Director General, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, South Africa</p>
09.00 18.00	<p>Third Forum of the UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance: Enhancing coherence and coordination of forest financing <i>(separate registration required through the UNFCCC website)</i></p>
10.00 10.30	<p>Poster sessions</p>
10.00 15.00	<p>Wildlife Forum: Addressing the challenges and opportunities in sustainable wildlife management, showcasing the experiences of countries, organizations, indigenous peoples, local communities and the private sector in addressing poverty alleviation and livelihood security issues while safeguarding the world's wildlife. Key speakers: John Scanlon, Secretary General, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Bráulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Robert Nasi, Deputy Director General Research (CIFOR), Cécile Ndjebet, African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests (REFACOF) Presentation of voluntary papers</p>
10.00 17.30	<p>International Forests and Water Dialogue: <i>Two-day event</i> Day 2 presents possible solutions to policy challenges and the launch of the Five-year Forests and Water Action Plan Key speaker: Prof. Dr. Maharaj Muthoo, President, Roman Forum</p>
10.45 12.45	<p>Subtheme dialogues: Session 3 and presentation of voluntary papers</p> <p>ST 1. Ensuring an enabling economic environment to enhance multiple social benefits (4 parallel sessions) - Making PES work for communities and smallholders - Small and medium forest enterprises as drivers for sustainability – Key speaker: Guillaume Lescuyer, CIFOR - Sharing benefits equitably – learning from experience – Key speaker: Diji Chandrasekharan Behr, World Bank - Investments for forests and people</p> <p>ST 2. Critical insights into resilience: speed geeking</p> <p>ST 3. Perspectives on planted forests – Key speaker: Prof. Peter Kanowski, Australian National University Rodney Taylor, WWF International, Elizabeth de Carvalhães, President, Iba, Walter Menne, Timberwatch (tbc), Michael Peter, Executive Director of Forestry South Africa, Kim Carstensen, Forest Stewardship Council, Sally Upfold, Knowledge Manager, Institute for Commercial Forestry Research, South Africa</p> <p>ST 4. Sustainable trade in six years: from Buenos Aires to Durban – Key speakers: Rupert Oliver, Forest Industries Intelligence, Charles Barber, Director, Forest Legality Alliance and Government Relations, WRI, Prof. Dr. Maharaj Muthoo, President, Roman Forum</p> <p>ST 5. Experience from around the world: case studies</p> <p>ST 6. Connecting local and global governance – building capacity to implement the post-2015 development agenda</p>
12.45 14.15	<p>Side events and partner meetings</p>
14.30 16.15	<p>Subtheme dialogues: Session 4 and presentation of voluntary papers</p> <p>ST 1. Building effective forest and farm producer organizations: primary actors for a sustainable future Key speakers: Victor Lopez, Mesoamerican Alliance for People and Forests, Esther Petunia, Asia Farmers Association, Evelyn Nguleka, President, Zambian National Farmers Union, Philipp zu Guttenberg, President, The Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF)</p> <p>ST 2. An enabling environment for resilience – Key speaker: Dennis Garrity (ICRAF, UNCCD)</p> <p>ST 3. Integrated land use: from policy to practice - Multipurpose landscapes for meeting multiple objectives (biodiversity conservation, forest products, food security) - Integrated approaches to landscape restoration and sustainable land management - Urbanization: forests and trees in the urban and peri-urban environment - Role of agroforestry and trees outside forests in integrated land use</p> <p>ST 4. Innovation in energy, financial markets and investments in forest and land - Key speakers: Michael Carus, Nova Institute, Florian Kraxner, Deputy Program Director, International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA), Nico Groenewald, Standard Bank</p> <p>ST 5. What is the future of forest monitoring? New technologies and approaches for monitoring forest and tree cover Key speaker: Renaud Mathieu, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)</p> <p>ST 6. Improving forest governance by strengthening public forestry institutions Key speaker: Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Government of British Columbia, Canada</p>
16.15 18.15	<p>Africa Day special event - A spotlight on Africa's sustainable forest management challenges, achievements and opportunities Key speakers: H.E. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture at the African Union Raymond Mbitikom, Executive Secretary of the Central African Forest Commission (tbc) Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency</p>
18.15 21.00	<p>Side events and partner meetings</p>

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Thursday



Elizabeth de Carvalhoes
Chair, Advisory Committee on
Sustainable Forest-based Industries



Michael Green
Architect, MGA



Marco Mensink
Director General, Confederation of European
Paper Industries

08.30

11.30

Innovation and Investment Forum

The role of innovations in forests and forest products in alleviating global challenges related to climate change, water, energy, sustainable cities, decent housing, food security, packaging – with direct and indirect contributions to SDGs

High-level: Glenn Mason, Assistant Deputy Minister, National Capital Region, Canada

Key speakers: Marco Mensink, Director General, Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI), Elizabeth de Carvalhaes, President, Iba, Jason Drew, AgriProtein, Mads Asprem, Green Resources AS, Päivi Salpakivi, UPM, Nico Groenewald, Standard Bank, Michael Green, MGA, Till Neeff, Independent expert, Charlie Clark, SAPPI, South Africa

08.30

11.30

Forests and climate change

Highlighting the role of forests in international climate change policy under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the influence that these climate agreements have on national forest policies and management

Key speakers: H.E Diego Pachero, Deputy Minister of Environment, Bolivia (tbc), Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC (by video link)

11.30

12.30

Joint event:

Innovation and Investment & Forests and Climate Change & Third Forum of the UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance

12.45

14.15

Business networking: Bilateral speed networking event for 100 private sector participants and experts

12.45

14.15

Side events and partner meetings

14.30

16.30

Plenary session

Draft Congress statement

Durban Vision 2050 and key messages derived from all Congress sessions and events. Session rapporteurs report to plenary and moderated discussion will be held on key elements of a new vision for forests, forestry and people.

16.30

17.30

CPF Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award Ceremony 2015

This award recognizes extraordinary efforts by an individual to improve and sustain forests and the people who depend on them.

18.00

21.00

Closing dinner

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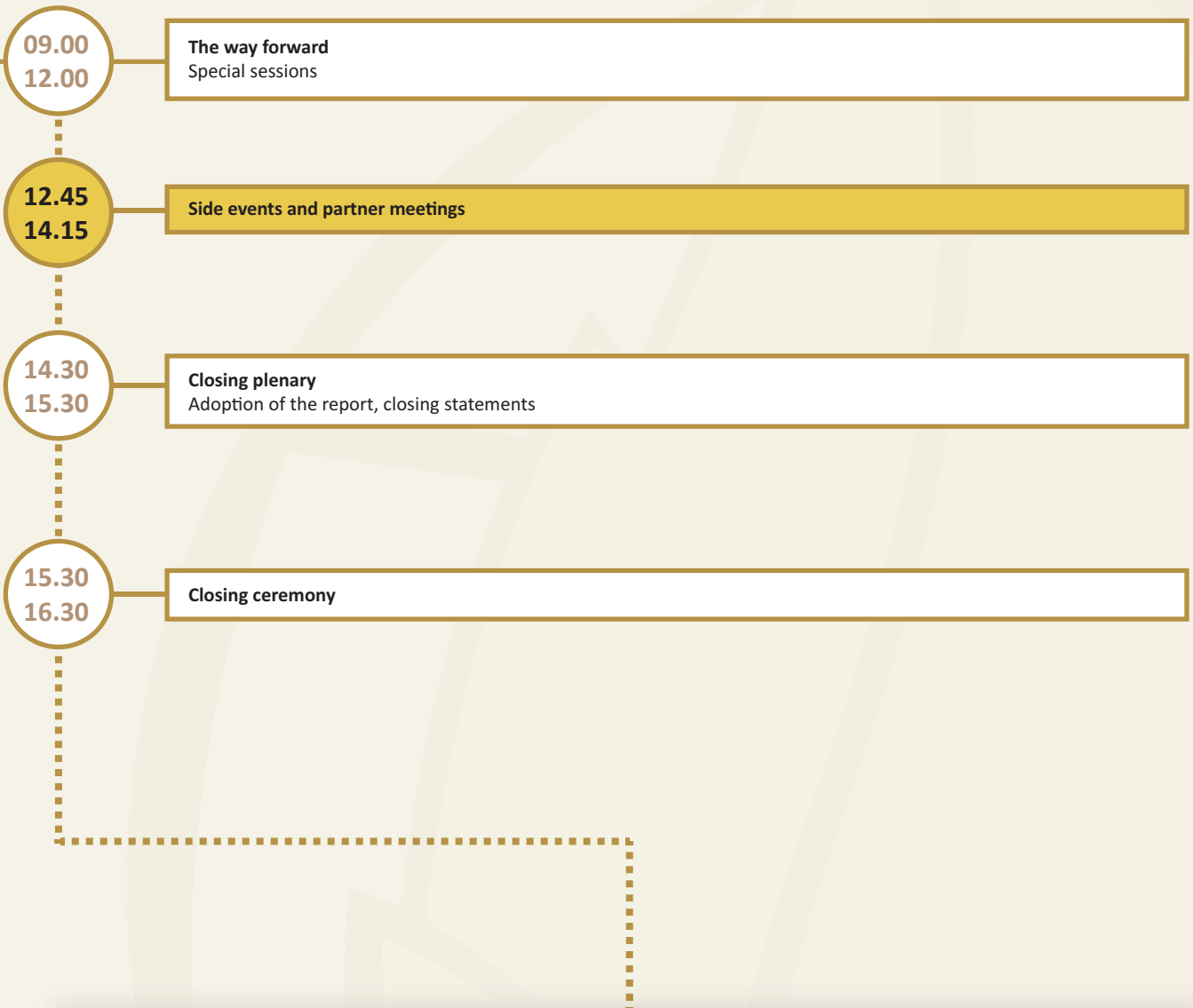
Friday



Trevor Abrahams
Secretary-General,
XIV World Forestry Congress



Tiina Vahanen
Associate Secretary-General,
XIV World Forestry Congress



XIV World Forestry Congress Outcome

A legacy of this Congress will be a set of key messages to be issued following the work in Durban. These will underscore the importance of forestry's contribution to the new post-2015 development goals and pave the road for a new vision of forests and forestry, as well as for a new climate change agreement at COP21 in Paris in December 2015.

7 Monday

Side events

12.45
14.15

Opportunities and challenges for harnessing local forest management to improve rural livelihoods in Africa
High-level launch of global inventory and assessment of bamboo and rattan
FAO's common vision for sustainable food & agriculture: enhancing forests' sustainability through improved cross-sectoral governance mechanisms
Inventorizing forest resources and conservation/fire management
Promoting sustainable forest management (SFM) through the SFM toolbox
An open dialogue with international criteria & indicator processes to better inform decisions that affect sustainable forest management practices.
International arrangement on forests beyond 2015
Genes, drones and satellites: the promise of new technologies for improving transparency and accountability in wood supply chains
The way forward via integrated South-South Cooperation
Building bridges - Halt forest loss through cross-sectoral approaches for the benefit of people, climate and nature
Forest governance - from global initiatives to national experiences
Innovative tools, methods and frameworks for sustainable landscape management
Trees, landscapes & certification – exploring the role of forest certification beyond forests
Manejo integral de cuencas hidrográficas y el desarrollo forestal como medidas de mitigación y adaptación al cambio climático
Democratising forest business: investing in successful locally controlled forest business models
Forêts et changement climatique en Afrique Centrale
The landscape of climate smart land use finance
The hottest topic in forestry: how can we make woodfuels more sustainable?
A new tool to guide us in tropical forests - The ITTO voluntary guidelines for the sustainable management of natural tropical forests
Uneven-aged silviculture in tropical forests: barriers, opportunities and challenges

19.45
21.00

40 years of community based forestry – status, impacts and trends
Highlighting the music, art and traditions of forests: an evening of forest culture
Quel rôle pour les concessions dans la gestion durable des forêts tropicales? Bilan des expériences africaines, amazoniennes et asiatiques
TFD @ 15: A celebration of 15 years of dialogue
Sustainable forest conservation and integration of outputs in SADC countries
Puits Carbone agroforestier Ibi village, un modèle innovateur pour la gestion du paysage du plateau des Batéké en République démocratique du Congo
The role of fast-growing trees in rural development
Improving national ownership of data collection for informed decision-making
Mecanismo conjunto de mitigación y adaptación para el manejo integral y sustentable de los bosques
Supporting innovative financial mechanisms for forest conservation: certifying the provision of forest ecosystem services
Sustainable forest landscapes
Constraints and opportunities for novel evaluation approaches of forest-based interventions and policies: learning from the past
US forest inventory analysis: building success on collaborative partnerships
Restorasi Ekosistem Riau (RER): Restoration of peat forest area on Indonesia's Kampar Peninsula
Multi-purpose planted forests as an element of sustainable landscapes
Challenges and best practices in the forest sector of southern Africa
Bosques nativos y cultivados sostén del desarrollo sustentable de Misiones: Forestoindustria, agroindustria y turismo
Gender in forest, agroforestry and tree value chains: examining interventions and impacts

Tuesday 8

Side events

12.45
14.15

Crossing science boundaries for the benefit of forests and people - IUFRO Directors' Forum
Intergration of agroforestry and conservation agriculture (CA) through LandCare in South Africa
Capacitación y jornada de reforestación
Innovating forestry education and training: effective learning in the new era
Forest resources and how they are changing
La aplicación del Protocolo de Nagoya en Brasil: como se están preparando las comunidades?
Foro "experiencias de México en el sector forestal sustentable"
The Bonn Challenge to restore forest landscapes: moving from commitment to implementation partnerships
Putting science into practice – a multistakeholder approach to better monitor the social and biodiversity impacts of forest certification
China's conversion of cropland to forest program: environmental & socioeconomic impacts of world's largest afforestation-based eco-compensation scheme
Promoting decent work in forest certification – moving beyond ILO conventions
Future forests - exploring integrated solutions on multiple challenges
Open Foris - free and open source tools for data collection, analysis and reporting
Contemporary wood tracking and supply chain controls in the timber trade: valuable addition or distraction from governance improvements?
Cost-effective national systems for monitoring carbon stocks and emission factors in the context of REDD+ and MRV
Plantations for sustainable productive landscapes
Better outcomes for people and forests: the importance of locally-tailored solutions, long-term commitments and working in partnership
Making forest environmental services count: towards a better understanding of their responsible governance

18.15
19.30

CHISAN – Evolving Japanese traditional ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction technology
Art of communication and building capacity for forest tenure, governance and society diversity
Understanding deforestation-free: ways forward to end deforestation
Landscape REDD+: the biggest new game in forest management; but where are the foresters?
Sharing experiences on the implementation of national forest monitoring
From Rome to Durban: a promise on monitoring and assessment of drylands for sustainable management and restoration
Functional restoration of rural landscapes in Mesoamerica
Trading and preserving forests: tools for sustainable and legal trade in timber and non-wood forest products
Big data, deep insights: Global Forest Watch presents five stories to watch
Social protection for building resilience of forest dependent people
Forest sector education and training for green employment: getting it right in southern Africa
Driving change in forest governance: public forest agencies in the twenty-first century
Promoting sustainability: criteria and indicators in the post-2015 development agenda
Addressing global challenges – land degradation, climate change and rural livelihoods: what is the role of tree genetic resources?
Invest in us – forest smallholders, community forest members and indigenous peoples in Asia
The Woodstock Movement: innovation in stride with challenge
Integrated forest and food security policies – a success story (the experience of the Republic of Korea)
Looking forward: REDD+ post-2015

19.45
21.00

ITTO & CITES: Collaboration on threatened tropical tree species
Women leading forest management in the tropics: cases from Africa, Asia and Latin America
Promotion de la gouvernance forestière en Afrique Centrale
Vibrant and thriving social forestry in Southeast Asia for investing in a sustainable future
Climate smart forestry: transforming government climate commitments and "deforestation free supply chains" into reality
Educating for sustainable forest management
Forest landscape governance: what it is, what we know, what we still need to learn
Stimulating rural economies through good forestry and new timber products
Improving forest administration in Central Asia
Landscapes and livelihoods: forest and farm producer organizations sharing their stories
Poverty and forests
Forest landscape restoration: vision, progress and challenges in eastern and southern Africa
Emerging perspectives on New Zealand forests
REDD+, outils SIG et efficacité des actions de terrain : retour d'expérience d'un projet REDD+ à Madagascar
Créer et gérer une forêt communautaire, exemple d'Ando-Kpomey au Togo.
Promoting sustainability: criteria and indicators in the post-2015 development agenda

9 Wednesday

Side events

12.45

14.15

Forest tenure reforms: what are the current trends in reforms and the lessons learned in implementation?
Integrative approaches to improve sustainable forest management under climate change
Russian forests: present and future
The Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel initiative
Exploring opportunities to improve inter-regional cooperation in eastern and southern Africa on tackling the illegal trade in timber
How to scale REDD+ investment, sustain livelihoods and safeguard forest peoples' rights
Opportunities and challenges in managing landscape beyond forest: experiences from different regions
Enhancing agroforestry to increase smallholders' resilience: the example of the Agroforestry Technical Assistance Facility (ATAF) of the Moringa Fund
Governance innovations to combat illegal logging – experience with FLEGT VPAs, legality verification and timber certification systems
Traditional values, practices and forest policy: transforming local challenges into renewed partnership
Les forêts pour la sécurité alimentaire et la nutrition en Afrique Centrale
Experiencias en la restauración de áreas degradadas por la minería aluvial en la Amazonia Peruana
Experiences of implementing the resilient landscape approach in the uMngeni catchment, South Africa.
Building governance capacity for strategic investments in forests, climate change, and livelihoods
Developing benefit-sharing arrangements for REDD+
Implementing large-scale forest and landscape restoration: challenges and opportunities
Steering Committee meeting of Forestry College Deans meeting mechanism in the Asia-Pacific region
The global landscapes forum investment roadmap: pathways to scale
Unlocking the real value of forests through strengthening locally controlled forestry
Une forêt, une opportunité, une famille durable

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Global green growth forum
International experiences of Wallonia-Brussels in the management of the forests: from the sky to the ground and from technologies to good governance
Mangrove forests and ecosystems – opportunities and challenges for their future
Global forest science cooperation - investing in knowledge generation, capacity building and education in forestry
Launching of the “Regional report on the role of forests in a green economy transformation in Africa”
Quality native seed for forestry and restoration
Creating an enabling environment for sustainable development of small scale and community-based forest enterprises
Differential responses of Robinia pseudoacacia and Platycladus orientalis in the mixture forest to the climatic change
Promoting sustainably certified NWFPs to sustain livelihood of local communities who depend on forests
Using evidence-based engagement and communications to inform global forestry policies and practice
Satellite monitoring for forest management, planning and natural capital accounting
Forests for all forever - driving change through shared value and demand
Chinese footprints in African forests – finding a green path to prosperity?
Situación de los bosques en América Latina y el Caribe
Scaling up success: re-greening degraded lands in six practical steps
Visión Amazonía en Colombia: desarrollo bajo en carbono y crecimiento verde
The role of tropical forests in local community-based adaptation to climate change: key examples from South Asia
Manejo de bosque tropical y servicios ecosistémicos: de Costa Rica para el mundo
REDD+ implementation under joint crediting mechanism
Forest change and transition in the Asia-Pacific region – exploring the past, present and future
CBFA mega-map side-event: from conflict to collaboration
Low carbon technology partnership initiative (LCTPi) (forest sector)

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Better information for better forest governance – the role and potential of forest governance assessment and monitoring
Fast growing trees as driving forces for food security and sustainable development in rural areas
The resilience of community forest conservation initiatives in times of global change
When a satellite maker meets a forester
Resources for the future: transformation in forest use
Combatting illegal logging in the Congo Basin, the role of China in driving solutions
Building a robust evidence base for integrated landscape management
Comunicar y educar para cuidar nuestros bosques
Vulgariser la stratégie genre du REFADD en matière de REDD+ et adaptation aux changements climatiques en Afrique Centrale
Gestion intégrée et suivi des forêts en Afrique Centrale
Making monitoring matter: how has the use of open-source technology in community-based forest monitoring improved local and external decision making?
Incorporating climate change science into forest management decisions - challenges and lessons learned
Proceso de consulta previa de la propuesta del reglamento de la nueva ley forestal y de fauna silvestre, del Peru
CEO forum on bamboo
Integrating forests and other land uses: a case study on rehabilitating forests in slash-and-burn valleys in Nepal

Thursday 10

Side events

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Challenges and solutions to managing and controlling the spread of invasive species (particularly prosopis) in dryland ecosystems.
Integrating green and gray infrastructure: the contribution of urban and peri-urban forests to sustainable cities
Technical forest assistance on Amazon rain forest: case studies
Beyond carbon: climate protection initiatives and their contributions to improved forest governance - perspectives from Southeast Asia and the Pacific
Gender matters in forestry - challenges and opportunities
Policy dialogue on social forestry in Southeast Asia: investing in a sustainable future for people and forests in ASEAN
Official – trees are good for you: the magic of measurement
Lancement du « Memento forestier »
Mejorando la gobernanza forestal en Honduras
Voluntary “deforestation-free” commitments and their role in halting deforestation
No North without South, no South without North: the urgent need for an integrated view on global forests
Leveling the playing field for legal trade: scaling up what works, perspectives from the Asia Pacific region
Showcasing South Africa’s innovative biorefinery technologies
Global forest survey - a global network of field plots to freely share knowledge and data on forests
Mecanismo conjunto de mitigación y adaptación para el manejo integral y sustentable de bosques en armonía con los sistemas de vida de la madre tierra
An international union: accelerating the science and practice of agroforestry for local and global sustainability
FAST framework to facilitate access to finance for FSC certified SMEs – sharing experience
Securing funding to secure our forests
Up-scaling the global timber tracking network: innovative technologies to combat illegal logging worldwide are ready for practical implementation.
Electronic tools for ensuring timber legality and wood utilization
Rising to the challenge: strengthening financing for sustainable forest management
Restoring trees to the landscape to bring 25 million farmers out of poverty
The land-use dialogue: a new engagement platform to address competing stakeholder interests in implementing the landscape approach

Friday 11

Side events

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Cooperation with green consumers toward demand expansion of sustainable timber products
Improving data on socioeconomic benefits of forests
Cooperating to improve the use of remote sensing as a forest monitoring tool: The Global Forest Observations Initiative (GFOI)
Improving governance by building capacity in the Democratic Republic of Congo
Making the right connection - workshop on improving how we communicate with society
Commonwealth Forestry Association standing committee
Community forestry and REDD
Improving governance & financing for forests
The international forests & water dialogue: outcomes and key messages
LandCare: Providing a framework for community mobilization and appropriate structures for natural resource management

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