



XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

System-wide capacities needed to enhance ecosystem restoration throughout the Decade and beyond

4 MAY 2022, 17:30 - 19:00 (KST)

Simultaneous translation will be provided in French and Korean



Tiina Vähänen

Deputy Director of the Forestry Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)



Gabriel Labbate

Head Climate Mitigation Unit and REDD+ Global Team Leader at the United Nations Environment Programme



Christophe Besacier

Senior Forestry Officer, coordinator of the Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism at FAO



James Hallett

Vice-Chair of the Society for Ecological Restoration and the Global Partnership for Forest and Landscape Restoration. Affiliate Professor at the University of Montana



Cara R. Nelson

Professor at the University of Montana and lead of the Ecosystem Restoration Thematic Group at IUCN's Commission on Ecosystem Management



Robin Chazdon

Professor Emerita at the University of Connecticut and Research Professor at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Principal consultant at Forestation International

CONTEXT

To support and scale up efforts to restore degraded ecosystems worldwide, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 2021 – 2030 to be the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. To boost action for the implementation of the UN Decade, an FAO-led Task Force on Best Practices was established to enhance knowledge dissemination and capacity development efforts. Among its early achievements, the Task Force developed [ten principles](#) that underpin the full set of ecosystem restoration activities. In parallel, the Task Force conducted a [global capacity needs assessment](#) through the wide dissemination of an online survey to identify strengths, gaps, needs and barriers to achieving and sustaining global restoration goals at scale.

This session will be the occasion to introduce and discuss key products the Task Force recently developed. These include a draft set of standards of practice that will provide guidance on the application of the principles to the planning, implementation, monitoring, and maintenance of ecosystem restoration projects; and a draft capacity, knowledge and learning action plan that will define, replicate and upscale key knowledge products and capacity development initiatives to address major gaps identified through the capacity needs assessment.

AGENDA

17:30 – Opening remarks, Tiina Vähänen

17:35 – The Task Force on Best Practices, C. Besacier

17:45 – Standards of practice for ecosystem restoration, J. Hallett and C. Nelson

18:05 – Panel discussion

18:20– Capacity, knowledge and learning action plan for the UN Decade, R. Chazdon

18:40– Panel discussion

18:55 – Closing remarks, Gabriel Labbate

For more information on this event please contact andrea.romeromontoya@fao.org