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What role can Forest and Landscape Restoration play in the climate change agenda?

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CONTEXT

Globally, land degradation has significant negative ecological and social impacts affecting approximately 3.2 billion people and 2 billion hectares of land. It accelerates global climate change, increases biodiversity loss, and induces poverty, migration and conflicts, which negatively affects the greenhouse gas fluxes between the atmosphere and ecosystems which reduces livelihood and food security. Addressing these various and interrelated challenges are often the principal motivation for many forest and landscape restoration (FLR) interventions. Restoration practices have further benefits, including contribution to the deceleration of climate change and reduction of its impacts through carbon sequestration and/or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions. Targeted restoration of ecosystems with high climate mitigation potential such as peatlands and mangroves can present a key opportunity to maximise the contribution of restoration to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Many new projects are under preparation thanks to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, such as the Leaders' Pledge for Nature and the High Ambition Coalition for Nature. The UN Decade started in June 2021 and provides an important opportunity to better link and promote restoration to the climate agenda) and support the wider Build Back Better objective post-COVID-19 and green recovery activities.

This session will present the key findings of an assessment of FLR projects, tools and methodologies, developed by FAO, IKI-BMU and their partners and their role in supporting the climate change adaptation and mitigation agendas. It will discuss lessons learned from the actual and potential of restoration to provide a solution pathway to reduce risk and increase environmental, social and economic resilience to climate change. The session will close with present recommendations for decision-makers to consider FLR as a key element in transformative change for both policy and investments related to restoration and climate change.

AGENDA

12:00 – Opening remarks, Amy Duchelle

12:05 – Key note, Gabriel Labbate

12:15 – Presentation of policy paper on climate change and FLR in preparation by FAO, Christophe Besacier

12:20 – Adaptation Fund: Key opportunity to support FLR: Realising adaptation benefits through FLR projects: Restoration under the Adaptation Fund in Vanuatu, Godfrey Bome [online] and preparation of Adaptation Fund projects to support restoration in Burkina Faso, Damas Poda

12:30– Restoration through the Green Climate Fund, Fiji, Deborah Sue

12:40 – Mainstreaming FLR within NDCs – IKI project to revise NDCs in Morocco, Alhame Sghir

12:50 – Tools to measure carbon storage impacts of FLR to support ecological resilience, Benjamin de Ridder

13:00 – The importance of forest and landscape restoration for the Green Climate Fund, Benjamin Singer

13:05 – Questions and Answers

13:25 – Closing Remarks, Amy Duchelle

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