



**Subtheme 3 - The green pathway to growth and sustainability**

**ADVANCING DECENT WORK, GREEN JOBS AND  
SUSTAINABILITY IN THE FOREST SECTOR**

**Decent work is fundamental to ensuring sustainable and productive forestry operations that are efficient, environmentally friendly, and safer for those working in them**

The forest sector provides employment to some 33 million people globally, accounting for 1 per cent of total employment in all economic activities. Furthermore, forests provide livelihoods, food, shelter, ecosystem services and many other benefits for millions of people around the world. This session will highlight approaches, opportunities and challenges of sectoral stakeholders, including employers' and workers' organizations, in promoting green jobs and decent work as a cornerstone for a viable contribution of the forest sector to growth and sustainability.

The objective is to identify good practices to promote decent and sustainable work in the forest sector and key action required to achieve SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth.

**PROGRAMME**

**11:00** Henry Bonsu, Moderator - Welcome words

**OPENING REMARKS** Alette van Leur, ILO Director Paola Deda, UNECE Director Yongkwan Kim, KFS Director

**11:20** **Social dialogue towards decent work in the forest sector**

Apolinar Zarzuela Tolentino, Regional representative for the Asia-Pacific region  
Building and Wood Workers' International

Victor Violante, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Australian Forest Products Association

**11:40** **Forest sector as an engine for promoting decent work for women and youth**

Kathryn Fernholz, Women's Forest Congress Steering Committee  
Cho Jung Myung, Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)  
Rebecca Ssanyu, Development Research and Training, Uganda

**12:00** **Supporting evidence-based decision making through employment statistics in the forest sector**

Joerg Schweinle and Rattiya Lippe - Thunen Institute VOLUNTARY PAPER  
Marta Gaworska, Head of the Department of Int. Cooperation, Polish State Forests

**MODERATED DISCUSSION**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**12:25** Sven Walter, FAO Senior Forestry Officer

**VENUE: GRAND BALLROOM 104+105**

**SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all**