

Forest Landscape and Ecosystem Restoration Day

Rio Conventions' Pavilion, CBD COP 13, Cancun, Mexico
Moon Palace Convention Center, Universal Building, Main Floor
Tuesday 13 December, 2016

Title: Towards ecosystem and climate-smart restoration for sustainable livelihoods, food security and biodiversity conservation: A landscapes perspective to address multiple priorities

- **Co-organizers:** CPF members (CBD, UNCCD, CIFOR, ITTO, IUFRO, IUCN, FAO, GEF)
- **Partners:** GPFLR members, Mexican Government, FERI (Korea Forest Service), Society for Ecological Restoration (SER)
- **Focal points:** Ulrich Apel (GEF); Sasha Alexander (UNCCD); Catalina Santamaria (SCBD); Manuel Guariguata (CIFOR);
- **Communication:** all CPF members will be invited to broadcast the event on their twitter streams, blogs and other communication channels. The results will be summarized in a report by ENB and published online CPF's website, as well as the FERI-CBD website.

Description:

Combating the degradation of land, forests, and ecosystems has become an urgent policy priority as healthy and productive landscapes are becoming increasingly scarce and competition for vital natural resources is accelerating. Understanding the causes and effects of degradation, and prioritizing the use of approaches that address the drivers effectively is crucial. A collective goal should be pursued to reduce, and mitigate degradation while shifting toward a culture of restoration and more sustainable management of natural resources. The need is urgent, and the global community must confront these issues and work together.

In the last few years, the international community has set multiple targets to halt deforestation, halt and reverse land degradation, and promote restoration and the sustainable management of landscapes. The 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals build on several existing global goals, including those agreed under the Rio Conventions, like the Aichi Biodiversity Targets under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), land degradation neutrality under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and ecosystem-based adaptation and climate change mitigation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Other initiatives and partnerships on restoration include voluntary commitments by countries, like the Bonn Challenge, the New York Declaration on Forests, Initiative 20x20, the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR100), the African Union Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel Initiative, and the Asia-Pacific Rainforest Recovery Plan, among others.

Making progress on these targets and commitments requires joint action. The Hyderabad Call for a Concerted Effort on Ecosystem Restoration, endorsed at CBD COP 11 in 2012, and the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative, adopted at CBD COP12 in 2014, provide platforms for COP Parties and partner

organizations¹ to take action on coordinated data assessments, identification of prioritized actions, and potential alignment between restoration targets at the national scale.

The 14 international organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and several other members of the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration (GPFLR) are providing significant technical and financial support to global forest landscape and ecosystem restoration efforts by leading and being actively involved in many of the ongoing initiatives. Highlights from the CPF include a special study on forest degradation to identify the parameters of forest degradation and the best practices for assessing them, the mobilization of funding of restoration efforts in developing countries, and results of Global Landscapes Day. CPF organizations are also collaborating amongst members and with other partners of the GPFLR to promote the concept and practice of forest landscape and ecosystem restoration, striving for enhanced coherence between the various initiatives.

OBJECTIVES

- 1) To provide a forum for countries and organizations to showcase planning and implementation measures and their degree of coordination to reduce forest habitat loss, deforestation and forest degradation;
- 2) To showcase countries that are championing coordinated actions and regional initiatives that are fostering a process of mutual learning amongst parties on how they might be best able to reach their restoration targets in a coordinated manner;
- 3) To present good, replicable methodologies to assess restoration opportunities and to monitor impact with a view to assess benefits in terms of biodiversity, ecosystem services and climate resilience;
- 4) To generate a better understanding of the role of partnerships in supporting ecosystem restoration and CPF 's role in build coherence among them; including the presentation of a joint CPF message;
- 5) To discuss how to build momentum around the concept of 'ecosystem and climate smart restoration', leveraging climate financing options within forest ecosystem restoration planning and implementation in view of the CBD objectives and Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

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¹ Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER). Countries: India as President of CBD COP 11, Republic of Korea as President of UNCCD COP 10, and South Africa as President of UNFCCC COP 17

PROGRAMME

Time	Presentations	Organization
09:30-10:00	<p><u>Welcome Address:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rafael Leon Negrete, Representative of the National Forest Commission on Mexico, CONAFOR • Ms. Eva Muller, Director, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, FAO - On behalf of CPF Chair • Mr. Braulio Dias, Executive Secretary, CBD Secretariat - Message from the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions 	<p><i>Government of Mexico (CONAFOR)</i></p> <p><i>CPF/FAO</i></p> <p><i>CBDS on behalf of the Rio Conventions</i></p>
10:00 - 11:00	<p><u>Session 1: The global restoration movement- methodologies used and way forward</u></p> <p>Key note: Mr. Jim Hallett Adjunct Professor in Biology at Eastern Washington University, Treasurer of the Board, Society for Ecological Restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology Focus: Prioritizing areas for ecosystem restoration. Mr. Bernardo Strassburg, Executive Director, International Institute for Sustainability • Lessons learned from ROAM applications: Commonalities, limitations and advantages among countries. ROAM Recommendations for advancing national commitments. Ms. Mirjam Kuzee, Global Coordinator Forest and Landscape Restoration Assessments, Global Forest and Climate Change Programme, IUCN • Q&A <p>Facilitator: Mr. Ulrich Apel, Senior Environmental Specialist, Natural Resources Team, GEF</p>	<p><i>SER</i></p> <p><i>IIS</i></p> <p><i>IUCN</i></p> <p><i>GEF</i></p>
11:00 – 13:00	<p><u>Session 2: Country experiences (all regions)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country experts to present their implementation approaches, prioritized activities and potential for alignments of their restoration targets • Organizations to present analysis, and offer insights on approaches and modalities for achieving targets in a coordinated manner • Panel consisting of country representatives • Q&A <p>Facilitator: Mr. Michael Kleine, Deputy Executive Director, IUFRO</p>	<p>Mr. Carlos Alberto de Mattos Scaramuzza, Director, Biodiversity and Forests, Ministry of Environment (Brazil)</p> <p>Mr. Marcial Amaro, Assistant Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, (Philippines)</p>

		<p>Ms. Beatriz Cardona, Instituto Nacional de Bosques (Guatemala)</p> <p>Mr. Janne S. Kotiaho, Professor of Ecology, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences University of Jyväskylä, (Finland)</p> <p>Mr. Agena Anjulo Tanga, Deputy Director General, Ethiopian Environment and Forest Research Institute (Ethiopia)</p> <p>Mr. Ariuntuya Dorjsuren Senior officer, Climate Change and International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia</p>
<i>LUNCH</i> (13:00-14:30)	<p><u>Training Exercise on Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology (ROAM), developed by IUCN and WRI</u> Interactive training Session (pre- registration required: Adriana.Vidal@iucn.org)</p>	<i>IUCN</i>
14:30-16:00	<p><u>Session 3: Monitoring the impacts of restoration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion topic: Approaches for monitoring global restoration commitments- Who, what and how? Mr. Lars Laestadius, Principal, Laestadius Consulting, LLC • Technical Study: State of the art review on participatory- local monitoring for forest landscape restoration Mr. Manuel Guariguata, Principal Scientist and Team Leader, Forest Management and Restoration • Perspectives and discussion: with monitoring experts and other GPFLR and other CPF members 	<p><i>CIFOR</i> <i>Robin Chazon;</i> <i>Janne S. Kotiaho;</i> <i>Eva Muller;</i> <i>Mirjam Kuzee;</i> <i>Manuel Guariguata;</i> <i>Al Unwin</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A <p>Facilitator: Mr. Lars Laestadius, Principal, Laestadius Consulting, LLC</p>	
16:15 - 18:00	<p><u>Session 4: Partnership support to advance national restoration plans and facilitate implementation measures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Topic: Ways and means for organizations to use partnership arrangements to leverage actions that contribute to shared restoration goals at the national level Mr. Peter Besseau, Director of the International Affairs Division of Natural Resources Canada’s Canadian Forest Service and Executive Director of the International Model Forest Network (IMFN) Secretariat; Chair of the GPFLR and UNFF12 • Opportunity for CPF and GPFLR Partners, countries and Initiatives to highlight how their work is supporting an alignment of national restoration actions to the CBD objectives and Aichi Biodiversity Targets Speakers from: CBDS, IUCN, FAO, CIFOR, GEF, ITTO, IUFRO, Bioversity, SER, WCMC– (3 min elevator pitch) • Presentation of the Joint CPF Message (FAO) Ms. Eva Muller, Director, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, FAO <p>Q&A Facilitator: Mr. Peter Besseau, Director of the International Affairs Division of Natural Resources Canada’s Canadian Forest Service and Executive Director of the International Model Forest Network (IMFN) Secretariat; Chair of the GPFLR and UNFF12; co-facilitated by IUCN</p>	<i>All co-organizers</i>
18:00-19:30	<i>Evening Reception</i>	<i>CPF</i>