SIDE EVENT AT UNFF11

A Science–Policy Interaction Platform on Forests

Supporting the UNFF with research and evidence

DATE **6 May** | TIME **13:15 – 14:30** | VENUE **CR2**

Join this side event to learn how IUFRO, CIFOR and ICRAF are supporting more informed decision-making about forests. The executive heads of these three institutions will discuss options for more direct and systematic science–policy interaction in a future IAF, and ways to leverage existing initiatives and partnerships more effectively.

SPEAKERS



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IUFRO, CIFOR and ICRAF serve as focal points for scientific knowledge in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). Since the establishment of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF) in 2001, all three organizations have been active in providing the Forum and its member states with relevant scientific information. They have established various initiatives and partnerships that respond effectively to the information needs of policy makers and stakeholders at an international level. However, the full potential of these initiatives and mechanisms has yet to be realized.

The deliberations on a future IAF and the post-2015 Development Agenda provide member states, organizations and stakeholders with a unique opportunity to strengthen this link between science and policy.

Join the executive heads of CIFOR, ICRAF and IUFRO in an open discussion of how to enable a more direct and systematic science–policy interaction in a future IAF and how to leverage existing initiatives and partnerships more effectively. Participants will learn about available mechanisms that can form part of a new science–policy platform in a future IAF:

- The CIFOR-led **Evidence-Based Forestry** (EBF) initiative generates evidence for policy processes by carrying out targeted research and by building the body of relevant knowledge. Recently, EBF announced the results of a project that collected the Top-20 Questions of high priority for research and policy in forestry and landscapes. Learn more: www.cifor.org/ebf
- The ICRAF-led/hosted **ASB Partnership for the Tropical Forest Margins** has generated policy-relevant research for addressing deforestation for over 20 years. The World Agroforestry Congress held periodically has convened researchers and synthesized relevant evidence for decision-making on forests and landscapes at multiple levels. Learn more: www.asb.cgiar.org
- The IUFRO-led **Global Forest Expert Panels** (GFEP), an initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, provide objective and independent global scientific assessments of key issues to support more informed decision-making at the global level. The key messages of each assessment are summarized in policy briefs. The Forum has acknowledged the essential role of GFEP in several of its resolutions. Learn more: www.iufro.org/science/gfep

BOOK LAUNCH

Join us at the side event for the launch of the most recent GFEP global assessment report on "Forests, Trees and Landscapes for Food Security and Nutrition", and receive your copy of the full report.

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