



CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Promote dialogue across sectors and stakeholder groups and benefit from the knowledge, experiences and perspectives of countries and experts to consider how we can collectively work to achieve the globally agreed targets of halting deforestation and increasing forest cover

Make recommendations, through UNFF13, to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development on actions to be undertaken globally and by countries to help achieve these targets

KEY MESSAGES

Urgent Action

Achieving SDG 15, especially halting deforestation and restoring degraded forests by 2020 requires urgent

action now

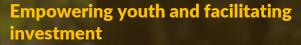
Best practices and tools are available but their application must be upscaled and progress accelerated

KEY MESSAGES

Promoting Sustainable Value Chains

Sustainable agriculture needs healthy and productive forests. Legal, inclusive and sustainable value chains in agriculture and forestry that prevent deforestation and degradation should be promoted and upscaled, through positive incentives to companies and small producers. Corporate responsibility for zero deforestation is key

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Civil society and particularly youth should be empowered as agents of change for realizing the full value of forests and halting and reversing deforestation. Governments should be urged to ensure policy coherence, provide the enabling framework, and facilitate investment and finance for sustainable agriculture and forest management

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THEMATIC AREAS

Approaches to managing landscapes in an integrated way under a changing climate

Sustainable commodities and value chains

Forest-smart policies and governance

Innovative instruments to upscale progress financing, technologies and research

APPROACHES TO MANAGING LANDSCAPES IN AN INTEGRATED WAY UNDER A CHANGING CLIMATE

Recognize and communicate more clearly the fundamental link between climate change and forests

Adopt an all-inclusive approach that embraces halting deforestation, tackle forest degradation, restore degraded lands, increase forest area and promote the benefits of trees outside forests

Integrate landscape- and community-based approaches into national strategies and development priorities Upscale agroforestry, help overcome the time lag between investing in trees and returns from them, and provide secure land and tree tenure

Policy makers to set targets for the adoption of sustainable agricultural production systems and create effective incentives for producers to improve current practices

Upscaling successful approaches and practices requires strengthening forestry education at all levels



SUSTAINABLE COMMODITIES AND VALUE CHAINS

Intensify commodity production in place rather than expanding to new areas at the expense of forests

Governments to establish a coherent public policy framework for sustainable production and better communication with the private sector

Stimulate the sustainable production and consumption of forest products as opposed to other non-renewable materials Educate and raise awareness of consumers so that buying decisions reward sustainably produced products

Secure tenure of small scale producers and provide better access to finance, technical assistance, training and markets; strengthen Forest and Farm Producer Organizations

Complement sustainable value chains by PES systems that are simple to apply, provide direct benefits to other service providers, and create momentum on the ground

FOREST-SMART POLICIES AND GOVERNANCE

Governments to articulate the economic and social value of forests in development planning and funding allocations and to bring planning and finance ministries to the table in the process of cross-sectoral policy coordination on land use

Empower non-governmental stakeholders, especially civil society and youth as agents of transformational change Provide clear, consistent and diversified land tenure arrangements to facilitate private sector operations and community empowerment

Create positive social and environmental impacts of investments through regulation of land-use change, transparency in land deals, protection of local and customary rights, enforcement of safeguards

Remove perverse incentives to clear forests, and provide economic incentives to smallholders and communities to manage trees on their lands

INNOVATIVE INSTRUMENTS TO UPSCALE PROGRESS

International banks to issue loans that benefit sustainable land use practices, with eligible projects incorporating forest benefits

Integrated approaches to domestic finance are needed at jurisdictional and/or landscape scale, working with several investment partners, combining forest protection and conservation with commodity production Available innovative remote sensing for land-use monitoring should be used to present powerful messages to decision makers, and for monitoring progress against green indicators

Research priorities should help develop evidence-based policies and implementation frameworks. This can be achieved by bringing scientists together with policy makers, the private sector and other key stakeholders

