



Forest-based Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies: Lessons Learned and Success Stories

Pre-HLPF Event on Forests- An initiative by the UNFF13 Bureau

Sponsoring Countries: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Malaysia, Russian Federation

10:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., Sunday 8 July 2018 | Conference Room 6- UNHQ, New York

PROGRAMME OF WORK

I. Opening of the Event

Mr. Boris Greguska, Chair of the 14th session of the UN Forum on Forests and Chief State Counsellor, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic, will open and chair the event.

II. Opening remarks

- **Mr. Boris Greguska**, Chair of the 14th session of the UN Forum on Forests and Chief State Counsellor, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic
- **Mr. Liu Zhenmin**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs- United Nations

III. A short video on forests

IV. Presentation of the State of the World's Forests 2018

V. A short animated video "SDGs need forests"

VI. Address by High-Level Officials

- **H.E. Josh Frydenberg**, Minister for the Environment and Energy of Australia
- **H.E. Ivan Valentik**, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation - Head of the Federal Forestry Agency
- **H.E. Jaana Husu-Kallio**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland

VII. Panel discussion on forest-based transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies

- Moderator: **H.E. Ambassador Hans Hoogeveen**, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization
- **Ms. Salina Abraham**, President of the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)
- **Mr. Alexander Buck**, Executive Director of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)
- **Ms. Adriana Dinu**, UN-REDD Strategy Group Member / Executive Coordinator and Director, Global Environmental Finance, UN Development Programme (UNDP)
- **Mr. Charles McNeill**, Senior Advisor on Forests and Climate Change, UNEP
- **Ms. Eva Muller**, Director of Forestry Policy and Resources Division, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

VIII. Interactive discussion on forests, sustainability and resiliency: lessons learned and success stories

The floor will be open to representatives of Member States, United Nations entities, and accredited intergovernmental and Major Groups organizations.

- Lead discussant: **Mr. Mafa Chipeta**, Former FAO subregional coordinator for Eastern Africa and FAO representative to Ethiopia, the African Union and the UN Economic Commission for Africa

Examples of questions that could be considered during the interactive discussion are as follows:

1. What policies and measures help forest-based transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies?
2. How can forest-based solutions be applied, replicated and upscaled to accelerate the progress in SDG15 and other SDGs?
3. How can the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 leverage co-benefits and address trade-offs with other goals and commitments, e.g. Aichi Biodiversity Targets, Nationally-determined contributions to the Paris Agreement?

At the conclusion of the discussions, the Moderator will make an oral summary of the key points raised by participants during the panel. These points will be included in a concise Chair's summary of the discussions during the event and will be transmitted to the HLPF2018 after the conclusion of the event. This summary will be also shared with the members of the UNFF.

IX. Closing

Mr. Boris Greguska will make closing remarks.