

UNFF 20



Scaling Up Integrated Landscape Approaches:

Partnerships, Policies, and Finance

- 📅 FRIDAY 9 May 2025
- 🕒 13:15-14:20
- 📍 Trusteeship Council Chamber

| Background and Rationale

Forests play a crucial role in climate mitigation adaptation and resilience, biodiversity protection, conservation and valuation, droughts and desertification and sustainable development (SD). However, achieving global forest goals require substantial investments beyond public funding. Mobilizing private sector investment is essential to bridge this financing gap and unlock the full potential of forests as nature based solutions (NbS).

The United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF) highlights the importance of sustainable financing mechanisms, emphasizing public-private partnerships (PPPs), carbon markets, and innovative investment instruments to achieve the Global Forest Goals (GFGs). Similarly, AFoCO's Friends of Asia and Asian Forests (FAAF) Forum as well as the Africa Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR100) have both underscored the necessity of engaging private capital to scale up and out sustainable forestry initiatives in both Continents, and beyond.

This side event will bring together key stakeholders from the corporate sustainability leaders, policymakers, and intergovernmental organizations to discuss strategies for accelerating private sector investment in forests, unlocking financial innovations, and creating enabling policy environments. The discussion will showcase successful case studies and explore new opportunities to align corporate and investor commitments with forest conservation, restoration, and carbon finance mechanisms.

| Agenda

Opening 13:15-13:25	Introduction of the side event Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator• Mr. Sunpil Jin, Vice Executive Director, AFoCO
Keynote Presentation 13:25-13:55	Keynote Presentation 1 Keynote Presentation 2 Keynote Presentation 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Juliette Biao, Director, UNFF Secretariat• Dr. Kikang Bae, Team Leader, AFoCO• Dr. Paula Prist, Senior Programme Coordinator, IUCN
Panel Discussion 13:55-14:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director, ITTO• Dr. Oyunsanaa Byambasuren, Director General, National Forestry Agency of Mongolia• Mr. Matteo Francesco, FSC International	
Closing 14:15-14:20	Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Younghwan Kim, Director, NIFoS