



Cross Sector





Implementing the Mitigation Hierarchy Rio Conventions Pavilion UNFCCC COP24 in Katowice, Poland 7 December 2018, 13:30-14:30

Building on the discussions on the mitigation hiearchy at <u>CBD COP14</u>, <u>Sharm El-Sheikh</u>, conservation practioners will discuss the Mitigation Hieararchy, including:

- Introducing the Mitigation Hiearchy and its four stages of avoidance, minimization, restoration and offsetting;
- Discussing opportunities for strengthening the mitigation hierarchy for greater conservation gain;
- Providing an overview of experiences in implementation;
- Discussing the Mitigation Hierarchy from the perspective of Land Degradation Neutrality and a response hierarchy of Avoid > Reduce > Reverse land degradation and Counterbalance, a mechanism for neutrality
- Discussing the mitigation hierarchy from a financing perspective

Speakers: Ashton Berry (BirdLife), Fareeha Iqbal (GEF), Baron Orr (UNCCD), Veronica Lo (CSBI)

Moderator: Olivier Besson (GEF)

Venue, Facilities and Access

The RCP will be hosted within the GEF Partnership Pavilion (Exhibit #15) in the Exhibits area (Spodek Arena) of the UNFCCC COP24 Conference venue complex, next to the UNFCCC Momentum for Change Pavilion. It will feature a stage and seating for approximately 30 people plus standing room, in addition to a tables for small group discussions and socializing around smartphone docking stations.

International Congress Centre (PL: MCK), Plac Sławika i Antalla 1, 40-163 Katowice, Poland. More information on the venue is available <u>here.</u>