



# Forest Landscape and Ecosystem Restoration Day

UN Biodiversity Conference  
27 November 2018, Sharm-el-Sheik, Egypt

**Context :** Since the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, at the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention in Nagoya, Japan, the momentum for restoration has been building continuously. The inclusion of a quantitative global target for restoration in Aichi Biodiversity Target 15, despite the challenges to interpret and monitor it paved the way for a wave of global policy commitments and initiatives on restoration.

The Bonn Challenge, a global effort to bring 350 million hectares of deforested and degraded land into restoration by 2030, for example, has received pledges from national and sub-national governments totalling almost 170 million hectares. The Sustainable Development Goal 15 'Life on land', as well as the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, also incorporates a restoration target, and restoration is acknowledged as a key means of implementation under the UNFCCC, the UNCCD, the Ramsar Convention and the Convention on Migratory Species. The 7<sup>th</sup> replenishment of the GEF also recognized the transversal role of restoration by including it in its new impact program on Food, Land use and Restoration.

That central role that restoration will need to play in the achievement of forest, biodiversity, climate and sustainable development objectives is now obvious. However, while these pledges are a strong message of political support, much remains to be done in terms of assessment, planning and design of restoration interventions in order to scale up restoration outcomes.

Through the various sessions, this day will present supporting tools and resources from partners, inspiring examples from restoration initiatives on the ground, as well as sustainable forest management models that incorporate biodiversity considerations. Panel discussions will address how to strengthen partnerships to further advance global forest, climate and biodiversity goals through restoration, and conclude with an outline of the role that restoration targets could play in the post-2020 framework for Biodiversity.

Information for participants :  
Venue: Rio Conventions Pavilion  
Partners: Collaborative Partnership on Forests, Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration, Korea Forest Service of the Republic of Korea, Society for Ecological Restoration  
Focal points: Catalina Santamaria (CBDS); Blaise Bodin (FERI Consultant), Anne de Valence (CBDS)  
Communication: The results will be summarized in a report by ENB and a short video produced by IISD.  
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## Objectives

- To generate a better understanding of the role of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and the Global Partnership on Forests and Landscape Restoration, as well as contributions from their individual members, in fostering progress towards the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- To reaffirm the mutually beneficial relationship between the restoration of ecosystem functions and the conservation of biodiversity, especially in the face of future systemic challenges, and growing interest for the restoration agenda, for which a UN Decade has been proposed.
- To showcase policy and project level initiatives that harness the potential of forest ecosystem conservation and restoration and sustainable forest management to advance biodiversity, ecosystem services, sustainable development and climate goals in an integrated manner.

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## 09h00 – 09h30 Opening Session

- Welcome address – Ham, Tae-Sik, Deputy Director, Forest Environment Conservation Division, Korea Forest Service
- Joint intervention by Alexander Shestakov, Head of Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division, CBD Secretariat and Jorge Ernesto Quezada Díaz, National CBD Focal Point of El Salvador, on building the momentum for a UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

## 09h30-11h00 Taking stock of global opportunities for Forest Landscape and Ecosystem Restoration

*The assessment of opportunities for ecosystem restoration is a key step in the planning of restoration strategies, to ensure that restoration activities are implemented in areas requiring restoration and that are high priority taking into account ecological, economic, social and institutional realities. This session will showcase a number of global-scale assessments of ecosystem degradation and restoration opportunities, and discuss how these assessments can prepare the ground for interventions that support a range of Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

- Quantifying and mapping global land degradation in past and future  
Stefan van der Esch, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency
- Opportunities for the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 15  
Bernardo Strassburg, Director, International Institute for Sustainability
- Mapping mangrove restoration opportunities  
Tamara Thomas, The Nature Conservancy
- Accelerating biodiversity commitments through forest landscape restoration  
Adriana Vidal, IUCN

**Panel Discussion :** Restoration opportunities assessments as a means to maximize biodiversity outcomes **Moderator :** Jim Hallett, Society for Ecological Restoration

## 11h00-11h30 Coffee break

## 11h30-13h00 Implementing the Short Term Action Plan for Ecosystem Restoration – Resources, case studies and the role of technical and scientific cooperation

*Adopted at CBD COP 13 in Cancun, Mexico, the Short Term Action Plan on Ecosystem Restoration aims to help Parties, as well as any relevant organizations and initiatives, to accelerate and upscale activities on ecosystem restoration. This session will introduce new resources available through partner organizations and their relevance to the different steps of the Plan. It will also showcase relevant case studies from ecological restoration projects on the ground and discuss how lessons learned from these pilot initiatives can be disseminated and applied at scale through technical and scientific cooperation.*



- Objectives and activities of the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative – **Blaise Bodin, SCBD**
- Presentation of the STAPER companion document and tools — **Jim Hallett, SER**
- Roundtable of projects under the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative:
  - Restoration initiatives of degraded humid forests in the World Heritage site “Rainforests of the Atsinanana” – **Liliane Parany, Madagascar National Parks**
  - Ecological restoration in the sub-afromontane region of Kenya – **Dr Mark Nicholson, Plants for Life International / Brackenhurst Botanical Gardens**
- Presentation of the Biobridge, a platform to facilitate Technical and Scientific Cooperation – **Camilo Ponzani, SCBD**

**Panel Discussion :** How to build up technical and scientific support and South-South exchange for ecologically sound restoration ? **Moderator :** **Madeline Craig, UNDP**

**13h00-14h00**      **Lunch courtesy of the Korea Forest Service**

**14h00-15h45**      **Cooperation for efficient action on forest landscape and ecosystem restoration**

*This session will explore the role that inter-institutional forums for coordination such as the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and the Global Partnership on Forests and Landscape Restoration have played in building the political momentum behind the concept of Forests and Landscape restoration and foster ambitious commitments under the Bonn Challenge. It will discuss ways in which this collaboration should continue to overcome the obstacles to actual implementation on the ground.*

- Keynote interview: Launch of the GPFLR report “Restoring forests and landscapes, the key to sustainable future” – **Catalina Santamaria, Vice-Chair, Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration**
- Outcomes of the Regional Ministerial Meeting on the Bonn Challenge – **Marie Laetitia Busokeye, Ministry of Environment of Rwanda**
- Reflections on collaborative initiatives on restoration from CPF and GPFLR members - **Sheila Wertz-Kanounnikoff, FAO; Marieta Sakalian, UN Environment ; Adriana Vidal, IUCN; Blaise Bodin, CBD FERI ; Madeline Craig, UNDP**
  - CPF Declaration from 2016
  - Towards better information on the costs and benefits of Forest and Landscape Restoration
  - The Restoration Initiative: Fostering Innovation and Integration in Support of the Bonn Challenge
  - Progress under the CPF Joint Initiative on FLR
- WWF’s journey in FLR – **Hermine Kleymann, WWF Forest Practice Policy Manager**

**Panel Discussion :** How to reflect FLR commitments and action in the post-2020 biodiversity framework ? – **Moderator :** **Jorge Ernesto Quezada Díaz, National CBD Focal Point of El Salvador**





15h45-16h00 Coffee break

## 16h00-17h30 Aligning action on biodiversity with the GEF-7 Impact programmes on Sustainable Forest Management and Food, Land use and Restoration

*The GEF-7 programming architecture includes selected cross-cutting “Impact Programs”. A central feature of the Impact Programs is that they deliver global environmental benefits across several GEF focal areas. Through the Impact Programs, the GEF will be better positioned to help countries pursue holistic and integrated approaches to promote transformational change in key economic systems in line with countries’ national development priorities. This session will look relevant analyses and proposals under the impact programs on Sustainable Forest Management and Food, Land, Use and Restoration and discuss opportunities to blend GEF funding with private sector finance and other sources.*

- Objectives and modalities of the GEF 7 Impact programmes – **Mark Zimsky, GEF**
- Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Sustainable Forest Management : Results of the ACTO-ITTO-CBD project “Building the capacity of Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization member countries in ecologically responsible forest management and biodiversity conservation in managed forests of the Amazon” – **Theresa Castillon-Elder, Coordinator for Environment, Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization**
- Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Food, Land use and Restoration GEF 7 project concepts:
  - **Colonel Aboubacar Oulare, CBD Focal Point of Guinea**
  - **Volatiana Rahanitriniana, Ministry of Environment of Madagascar**
- Monitoring agrobiodiversity changes from increased trees on farms – a monitoring tool to facilitates countries' reporting on Aichi Biodiversity 7 and potential indicator of progress for the GEF 7 impact programs – **Anja Gassner, ICRAF**
- Landscape restoration in India and REDD+ finance - **Mr. Swapan Mehra, CEO, IORA Ecological Solutions**

**Panel Discussion : Financing opportunities for FLR and SFM beyond the GEF**  
**Moderator : Guenter Mitlacher, WWF**

17h30 – Closing remarks for the Forest Landscapes and Ecosystem Restoration Day

17h45 Closing of the Rio Conventions Pavilion  
**David Cooper, CBD Deputy Executive Secretary**

## 18h00 Reception courtesy of the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative

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