

Global Landscapes Forum 2015
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**Tackling Complexity in Forest and Landscape Restoration –
Sharing Best Practices**

Session organized by: IUFRO, WRI/ITTO, WHRC, AFOLU/LEDS, FAS



Immense benefits for climate change objectives can be derived from forest and landscape restoration. However, for putting landscape-based restoration into practice, a better understanding of the challenges, opportunities and impacts on human livelihoods involved is needed.

This panel discussion aims at enhancing the understanding – among professionals and decision-makers - of the complex mix of aspects and factors to be taken into account for a successful implementation of forest and landscape restoration and management.

Panelists will share best practices on landscape governance and restoration activities on the ground, as well as land-use trade-offs, benefit-sharing mechanisms (e.g. payments for environmental services or REDD+), equity, mitigation and adaptation. The session also intends to foster partnerships for knowledge management and capacity building to support improved multiple benefits from forest landscape restoration in the tropics.

Moderator:

Alexander Buck, Executive Director of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)

Speakers/Panelists:

John Stanturf (IUFRO / WRI Project)

Forest landscape restoration as a key component of climate change mitigation and adaptation

Dr. John Stanturf is employed with the US Forest Service in Athens, Georgia, USA. He has a PhD in Forest Soils and is a Senior Scientist in the Center for Forest Disturbance Science. Over the last 20+ years he has focused much of his research on restoration. He is a co-author of “Forest Landscape Restoration as a Key Component of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation” (IUFRO World Series 34, 2015)

Kathleen Buckingham (WRI / ITTO)

Assessing the ITTO Guidelines for Restoration

Dr Kathleen Buckingham is a Research Associate for the Global Restoration Initiative in the Forests Program of the World Resources Institute. Her research focuses on developing diagnostic tools to assist stakeholders to plan and implement successful forest and landscape restoration.

Richard Houghton (WHRC)

A role for tropical forests in stabilizing atmospheric CO2 concentrations

Dr. Richard Houghton is a Senior Scientist at the Woods Hole Research Center and holds the George M. Woodwell Chair for Global Ecology. Dr. Houghton contributed to the reports of the IPCC which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

Tint Lwin Thaug (AFOLU working group of LEDS GP)

Equity priorities and challenges in the context of REDD+ in Mekong countries

Dr Thaug is the Executive Director of RECOFTC ,the Center for People and Forests. He has more than 30 years of professional experience in forest management, forest research, and community forestry. He has had a long association with RECOFTC, and community involvement in forest management has been a consistent focus in his professional practice.

Virgilio Viana (FAS)

Empowerment and benefit-sharing for conserving the forest: lessons learnt from the Amazon

Virgilio Viana is the Director General at Fundação Amazonas Sustentável which aims at conserving forest conservation and improving the welfare of 576 communities. He is, among other things, a member of the World Economic Forum, and of the Leadership Council of the UN's Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), and co-chair of Amazon SDSN.