

# World Forestry Congress 2015

## Mangrove forests and their ecosystems – Opportunities and challenges for their future –

### ITTO-ISME side event

Wednesday, 9 September 2015, 18:15-19:30

Hall 3A

#### Background:

Mangrove forest is one of the major components of global forest cover and ecosystems. They provide multiple benefits worldwide. Recognizing the importance of mangrove forests, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the International Society for Mangrove Ecosystems (ISME) together have started their actions to strengthen its strategy and field activities to further advance conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mangrove forests. This side event will provide the international forest community with an excellent opportunity to share experiences and lessons learned and exchange views for our further work for the better future of the world's mangrove forests and their ecosystems.

#### Programme:

18:15-18:30	Keynote speech by Mr. Jorge Viana, Vice-President of Federal Senate, Brazil
18:30-18:45	Presentation of the overview of actions having been taken by ITTO and other actors by Professor Shigeyuki Baba, Executive Director, ISME
18:45-18:55	Presentation by Dr. Cecep Kusmana, Professor, Faculty of Forestry, Bogor Agriculture University, Indonesia
18:55-19:05	Presentation by Mr. Jacinto Samuel García Carreón, National Forest Commission (CONAFOR), Mexico
19:05-19:30	Panel discussion on opportunities, challenges and future actions for mangrove forests and their ecosystems attended by all presenters and facilitated by Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka, Executive Director, ITTO

**Cocktail will be provided at the event**



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