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High-Level Political Forum side event presented by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

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7.00 – 8.30 AM EDT/ 13.00 -14.30 PM CEST

Forest pathways have the potential to provide decentralized solutions that are highly cost-effective and that can be implemented comparatively rapidly and at scale.

Join ITTO, FAO, and other members of the [Collaborative Partnership on Forests](#) in this discussion on how locally adapted solutions, innovations and investments in young talents and ideas on these forest pathways can be integrated in efforts to building back better from the COVID-19 pandemic and lead to a “whole of society mobilization” as envisaged by the Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals ranging from Ending Poverty and Zero Hunger to Climate Action and Life on Land, agrifood systems transformation needs to have forest protection, restoration and sustainable use as integral component. Their adequate management is critical to avoid future pandemics and for achieving SDG 3 “Health”. Their sustainable use can provide impetus to SDGs addressing Responsible Consumption and Production and efforts towards more inclusive, sustainable Economic Growth.

Three forest pathways if pursued simultaneously can help the world recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and combat crises threatening Life on Land while generating sustainable economic benefits for a green recovery:

- (1) Halting deforestation and maintaining forests is imperative given their role in climate, biodiversity and water cycles;
- (2) Restoring degraded lands and expanding agroforestry is required to build up the “asset base” for recovery and nurture people and the planet;
- (3) Sustainably using forests and building green value chains is needed to build a more circular, carbon-neutral and inclusive future, leaving no one behind particularly in rural areas.

Read more in FAO’s latest flagship report: [State of the World’s Forests 2022](#) or watch a [Tree Talk by Ewald Rametsteiner](#) about it.

## Agenda

- **Moderation**  
Veronika Juch, Global Forest Pathways mobilization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **High-level opening**  
Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
- **Panel discussion: Forest Pathways driving sustainable development**
  - **Ensuring food security and nutrition and turning the tide on deforestation in a changing climate**  
*Representative, Ministry of Environment, Gabon*
  - **Bringing communities and landscapes back to life, building on forest values**  
*Valerie Hickey, Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy, World Bank*
  - **Using our forests sustainably – from national initiatives to global policy dialogue**  
*Bambang Hendroyono, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Indonesia (tbc)*
  - **Youth as innovation driver to build a future with forests and trees**  
*Angela Gabriela Veneros, International Forestry Students’ Association*

- **Scaling up private sector contributions to building sustainable value chains and local resilience**

*Nicolas Gordon, Director Sustainability, CMPC*

- **Open Discussion:**  
Protection, restoration and sustainable use of forests: How can we build back better with Forests?

- **Closing Remarks: Building forward: Investing into forest-based solutions**

*Ewald Rametsteiner, Deputy Director, Forestry Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*

