

Two female leaders from opposite sides of the world discuss global, climate-friendly, forest policy

A COP27 blue zone side event

Date: Tuesday 15 November Time: 1000am – 1045am Location: ICC Pavilion

Host/ moderator:

Ross Hampton, CEO of the Australian Forest Products Association &

Chair UN FAO Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries

Featuring special guests:

Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director of the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO)

Mairi McAllan MSP, Minister for the Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform in the Government of Scotland

Ross Hampton's opening statement:

The highlands of Scotland are about as far as you can be from the forests of the tropics, but climate change issues know no political or geographical boundaries. And when it comes to sustainable 'climate smart' fibre supplies and the urgent need to keep 1.5 alive, we live in a deeply connected world of trade and timber flows.

I am therefore delighted to be able to invite two of the world's leading women on the front line of both sustainable forest management policy and climate policy to join me for a discussion.

From Scotland, the Minister for Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform, Mairi McAllan MSP and from the Tokyo headquarters of the International Tropical Timber Organization, Executive Director Sheam Satkuru.

Welcome to this COP27 side event and thank you both for your time.