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# A GLOBAL ASSESSMENT REPORT FORESTS AS PILLARS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

## AGENDA

**GLOBAL FOREST  
EXPERT PANELS  
(GFEP)**

**COLLABORATIVE  
PARTNERSHIP ON  
FORESTS (CPF)  
INITIATIVE**

**05.06.25**

**2:00PM (CEST)  
ONLINE**

**HOSTED BY: IUFRO  
SCIENCE-POLICY  
PROGRAMME**

**OCCASION: WORLD  
ENVIRONMENT DAY**

### **Background and rationale**

Given the increasingly rapid, unpredictable, and unprecedented global changes linked to the Triple Planetary Crisis of pollution, climate change, and biodiversity loss, fostering resilience has become a key policy issue. Many organisations have adopted resilience strategies across various policy areas aiming to enhance societal capacities for 'bouncing back' and adapting in the face of shocks and disturbances. Moreover, the capacity to persist, adapt, and transform is considered a fundamental prerequisite for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Forests are among the most vital and versatile ecosystems on our planet and provide critical benefits for human societies. For example, they provide food and livelihoods, regulate climate, and are of great cultural and spiritual importance to communities around the world. As the world confronts accelerating environmental, social, and economic change, the ability of forests to buffer shocks, support livelihoods, and contribute to long-term well-being has become increasingly important.



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The scientific assessment *Forests as Pillars of Social and Economic Resilience* responds to this urgent context. Developed by an international team of scientists under the Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP) Initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), the report explores how forests contribute to social and economic resilience in the face of disturbance and change, and how societies can, in turn, support and steward resilient forest systems. By focusing on the dynamic interlinkages between forests, people, and policy, the assessment provides a knowledge base for decision-makers, practitioners, and researchers seeking to understand and strengthen just forest-based pathways to resilience.

The publication of the assessment will take place on World Environment Day - a timely moment to elevate science-based knowledge in support of more integrated and equitable approaches to forest policy and practice.

## **Objectives of the publication webinar**

To officially publish the assessment report and share key findings;  
To engage stakeholders from across the science-policy-practice interface;  
To encourage uptake of the assessment's insights in national, regional, and global forest-related initiatives.

## **Target Audience**

- Policymakers and government officials
- Forest practitioners and NGOs
- Scientists and researchers
- Donors, multilateral agencies, and development partners
- Members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)
- Civil society, Indigenous representatives, and local community stakeholders

## **Next steps and follow-up**

Following the webinar, the full assessment will be made available for download via the IUFRO website. A summary for policymakers and communication materials will also be shared. Opportunities for future dialogue and engagement around the findings including side events at international forest and climate platforms will be explored.

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## PROGRAMME

14:00	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Nelson Grima</b> IUFRO, Science-Policy Programme Coordinator	Introduction to the assessment and its context
14:05	<b>Presentation of Key Findings</b> <b>Craig R. Allen</b> , University of Nebraska- Lincoln, USA <i>Chair of the Global Expert Panel on Forests for Social and Economic Resilience</i> <b>Santiago Izquierdo-Tort</b> , Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico <i>Coordinating Lead Author</i> <b>Rachel Carmenta</b> , University of East Anglia, UK <i>Coordinating Lead Author</i>	Overview of key messages, cross-cutting issues, and recommendations for policy and practice
14:20	<b>Reflections from the field and policy arena</b> <b>Alice de Moraes Amorim Vogas (tbc)</b> Head of the Extraordinary Advisory Unit for COP30 at the Brazilian Ministry of Environment and Climate Change <b>Gertrude Kenyangi</b> Executive Director, Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN)	2 reflections on how the assessment findings resonate with realities on the ground and the policy landscape.
14:35	<b>Moderated Q&amp;A Session</b> Moderator: <b>Nelson Grima</b> IUFRO, Science-Policy Programme Coordinator	Interactive discussion with the audience via live Q&A.
15:05	<b>Relevance for the global forest agenda</b> <b>Zhimin Wu</b> Chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) Director, Forestry Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	Recorded reflections on the relevance of the assessment for the global forest agenda and work of the CPF
15:10	<b>Closing remarks</b> <b>Nelson Grima</b> IUFRO, Science-Policy Programme Coordinator	Final words and invitation to engage with the full report and its follow-up activities.