

FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION: ENHANCING MORE THAN CARBON STOCKS

FOREST DAY 6 – Living Landscapes

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Discussion Forum, Parallel Session 2: 1600-1730
Renaissance Doha City Centre Hotel, Doha, Qatar

Host/Co-hosts: IUCN and ITTO

Moderator: Jurgen Blaser, Professor, Bern University, Switzerland

Keynote speaker: Stewart Maginnis, Global Director, Nature Based Solutions, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Panelists

- HE Herman Humberto Rosa Chavez, Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources, El Salvador
- HE Stanislas Kamanzi, Minister of Natural Resources of Rwanda
- Bianca Jagger, Ambassador, Plant a Pledge Campaign
- Juan Carlos Jintiach, Leader – International relations and chair of the Indigenous Climate Change Forum, Coordinating Body of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA)

Rapporteur: Stephen Johnson, ITTO

Summary of the Discussion Forum theme:

The extent of forest degradation is vast. According to a recent estimate by the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration, nearly 2 billion ha of tropical forests have been in some stage of degradation. Considering the importance of such degraded forests in mitigating climate change, preserving biodiversity and fostering sustainable livelihoods, numerous national, regional and international forest restoration initiatives have been taking place. The launch of the Bonn Challenge last year is a global call for the restoration of 150 million ha by 2020 using Forest Landscape Restoration approach. This Discussion Forum will provide an opportunity to share updated information on Forest Landscape Restoration Initiatives. It will also exchange views on best strategies to achieve global climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation goals through Forest Landscape Restoration, including opportunities for the restoration of degraded forests in the framework of REDD+.

Key questions to inspire discussion by the panelists

- What is the state of the art of forest landscape restoration in degraded and secondary forests? How can we assess and integrate the benefits of climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods in forest landscape restoration?
- What is the potential of forest landscape restoration in achieving global climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation goals? What would be the best strategies to achieve such global goals?
- How can we scale up forest landscape restoration? How do we promote forest landscape restoration activities in enhancing carbon stocks from degraded forests within the framework of REDD+?

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