

Side Event

Landscape Forestry in the Tropics: Science meets policy

**Towards policy approaches for improving livelihoods,
sustainable forest management and conservation**

Date and time: May 2, 2022 from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Deforestation and forest degradation continue to pose a threat to both biodiversity and livelihoods of forest communities in many parts of the tropics. This side event provides a platform for science and policy actors to meet and discuss ways forward in combatting deforestation and forest degradation in the tropics, and how landscape-based approaches can receive more attention in policy processes such as REDD+ and forest landscape restoration initiatives.

Key results from the Landscape Forestry in the Tropics (LaForeT, www.la-foret.org) project will be accompanied by talks on opportunities and limitations of landscape approaches in Ecuador, Zambia, and the Philippines.

Panel discussion, including representatives from research, policy-making, and NGOs actively engaged in tropical landscape management, will focus on different policy options, such as protected areas, payments for ecosystem services or community-based forestry, and their potential for aligning forest conservation goals with livelihoods needs of local communities.

Presenters and panel participants

Bianca Dager Jervis, Vice Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Water and Ecological Transition, Ecuador

Bolier Torres, Professor, Universidad Estatal Amazónica, Ecuador

Gillian Kabwe, Professor, Copperbelt University, Zambia

Fainess Lumbwe, Deputy Director, WeForest Zambia

Jose Andres A. Canivel, Executive Director, Forest Foundation Philippines

Marlo Mendoza, Dean, University of the Philippines Los Baños, College of Forestry and Natural Resources

Sven Günter, LaForeT Project Leader, Thünen Institute of Forestry, Germany

Moderator: **Matthias Dieter**, Director, Thünen Institute of Forestry, Germany



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Program

12:30 Welcome, Matthias Dieter

12:35 – 13:05 Presentations

- Landscape Forestry in the Tropics (LaForeT project): Key lessons
- Limitations and opportunities of landscape approaches: Socio-Bosque program in Ecuador
- Community forestry and livelihood aspects in Zambia
- Sustainable forest management and landscape restoration in the Philippines

13:05 – 13:35 Panel Discussion

- Limitations and opportunities for sustainable landscape approaches: The role of incentive programs, protected areas, local stakeholder involvement, and international policy initiatives.

13:35 – 13:55 Questions and Answers

13:55 Concluding remarks, Matthias Dieter

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