



FORESTS @ the SDG PAVILION

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The role of sustainably managed forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation is undeniable. Forests affect rainfall patterns and support freshwater availability, provide wood for fuel and other human needs, are home to 80% of terrestrial biodiversity, sequester carbon and offset greenhouse gas emissions.

If humanity is to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, we must halt deforestation and expand the world's forests.

The SDG pavilion will feature two forest events to showcase forest-based actions to combat climate change through coherent implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement, and the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030.

Advancing forest-based climate action: interlinkages between Nationally-determined Contributions and Voluntary National Contributions

Opening remarks

- **Mr. Boris Greguška**, Chair of UNFF14
- **Mr. Andrzej Konieczny**, Director General, State Forests of Poland
- **Mr. Stefano Manservigi**, Director General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission (tbc)

Panel discussion

Moderator: **Mr. Boris Greguška**, Chair of UNFF14

- **Mr. Koji Hongo**, Deputy Director-General, Forestry Agency of Japan
- **Mr. Gehard Dieterle**, Executive Director, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
- **Mr. Martin Frick**, Senior Director for Policy and Programme Coordination, UNFCCC Secretariat
- **Mr. Hans Friederich**, Director General, International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)

Following the interventions by panelists, the floor will be open for discussion to share experiences and propose actions for implementing the SDGs, Paris Agreement, and the Global Forest Goals.

Suggested guiding questions: i) How can forest-based climate solutions be applied, replicated and upscaled to accelerate the progress in the Paris Agreement, SDG13 and the Global Forest Goals? ii) How can the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 leverage co-benefits and address trade-offs with the Paris Agreement?



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