



Global Landscapes Forum | Warsaw

Shaping the climate and development agenda for forests and agriculture

A Vision beyond 2015

The Global Landscapes Forum will take place over two days on 16th and 17th November on the sidelines of the UNFCCC COP19 in Warsaw, Poland. The Forum is jointly coordinated by CIFOR, on behalf of the 14 organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests¹, and by the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS), on behalf of an international consortium of 12 leading Agriculture and Rural Development organizations² in collaboration with the host country partners: the Polish Ministry of Environment, the Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the University of Warsaw. The organizers anticipate an audience of more than 1,000.

The Global Landscapes Forum combines into one event two of the world's most influential annual conferences on the role of forests and agriculture in mitigating and adapting to climate change: Forest Day and Agricultural and Rural Development Day. The combined event will be a global platform to inform and engage world leaders, policymakers, scientists, donors, media, civil society, the private sector, indigenous and community groups, and climate negotiators on the role a sustainable landscapes approach can play in providing nutritious food, income and ecosystem services and environmental goods.

The Forum's objective is to develop the potential of the landscape approach to inform future UNFCCC agreements and the achievement of the proposed Sustainable Development Goals. To this end, the Forum is organized along four main themes:

1. Investing in sustainable landscapes in forests and on farms
2. Landscapes policy and governance for forestry, agriculture and other land uses
3. Synergies between adapting to and mitigating climate change in forest and agricultural landscapes
4. Landscapes for food security and nutrition

To achieve maximum impact, the Forum will be held midway through the UNFCCC COP19 to leverage global attention to the COP and to inform UNFCCC negotiators on how the landscape approach can be used to inform the ongoing discussions within the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP). The Forum will act as a hub for discussion and networking of stakeholders involved in development processes across the landscape and linked to climate change.

The landscapes approach provides a broad framework that can fully integrate agriculture and forests into a sustainable development agenda. It analyses landscapes that are either geographically bounded – such as the Sahel Zone or the Congo River Basin – or defined thematically, such as the worldwide expansion of oil palm plantations or agriculture as a source of both food and environmental services. The landscapes approach enables policy makers, development practitioners and researchers to take a holistic view of the most pressing challenges facing the world's ecological and human systems and impacting the planet's carrying capacity, such as poverty and hunger, gender inequity, tenure insecurity, drivers of deforestation and agricultural expansion, global demand for commodities, overfishing and soil depletion and rising energy demand. The landscape approach will also seek to assess performance against broader development goals such as poverty eradication, green growth, food security and nutrition, mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, energy efficient cities and sustainable land use and farm practices.

Proposed Agenda

The first day will start with a session that puts youth at the centre, exploring the future of sustainable landscapes. Following an opening plenary, 15 Technical and Networking Sessions will focus on developing specific themes or sectors within the landscape. The common task of



these sessions is to identify policy and research recommendations aimed at more sustainable landscapes management. Selected members from the technical sessions will join or provide input into the integrated panels on the discussion forums of day two. This is designed to ensure that sector issues receive proper attention in the Global Landscapes Forum. These small side events will take place throughout the afternoon in parallel slots. The organizers invite interested organizations to apply to convene these sessions.

Day two will feature an opening plenary, followed by four high level sub-plenaries. That will be followed by lunch and a high-level session. The afternoon will be held in a second nearby building and will feature discussion forums. These will take place simultaneously and be followed by a short period where the forum organizers prepare key messages for the closing plenary. In parallel to the events, organizations will have the opportunity to display their thematic and working areas in booths and at poster sessions.

Day 1	
09:00 – 13:30	Youth: The future of sustainable landscapes
14:00 – 14:45	Plenary
15:00 – open end	Technical and Networking Sessions (in the form of side events organized by partners)
Day 2	
07:30 – 09:00	Registration and Networking
09:00 – 10:30	Opening Plenary
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Four parallel sub-plenaries
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:45	High-level session or keynotes
15:00 – 17:30	Discussion Forums
17:30 – 18:00	Break/networking
18:00 – 18:45	Closing Plenary (Summary)
18:45 –	Cocktail reception

Communication and outreach

In the past five years, Forest Day and Agriculture and Rural Development Day have been the most widely covered media and online events during the UNFCCC COP reaching or attracting more than 140,000 stakeholders, 550 journalists and 1,200 UNFCCC negotiators. At the

Forum, organizers will build on this experience and design an extensive traditional and social media outreach campaign will be launched three months before, during and after the event to inform global media and audiences. On the day, organizers will arrange live web streaming of discussions, and create a live online stage for keynote and panel discussion, while teams of journalists will blog sessions for distribution during and after the event.

Location

It is anticipated the Forum will be held at the University of Warsaw, conveniently located in the city center and a short walk from the UNFCCC convention hall, and old town. The University offers room for a large plenary and four sub-plenaries, and up to 30 side events, with Wi-Fi and modern audiovisual and translation equipment. See more about the University of Warsaw Conference Facilities online³.

Contacts

For more information on how you can participate in the Global Landscape Forum please visit www.landscapes.org.

(Endnotes)

1. CPF members are CIFOR, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD Secretariat); Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Global Environment Facility (GEF Secretariat); International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO); International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO); United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD Secretariat); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF Secretariat); United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC Secretariat); World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and the World Bank.
2. CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change; Agriculture and Food Security; Farming First; Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN); Global Donor Platform for Rural Development; Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR); International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM); International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA); World Bank, World Farmers Organisation; World Food Programme (WFP).
3. <http://www.fuw.edu.pl/~lewand/Bid-GR20.pdf>

