



COP28 Event of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

Climate Action Showcase: Beyond Carbon - Realizing Untapped Potential of Forests to Combat Climate Change

9 December 2023, 3:15-4:00pm

UNEP Pavilion, UNFCCC COP28, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

From lowering temperatures to providing renewable materials, livelihoods and employment, the world's forests play a larger role than just cutting carbon emissions to combat climate change. Despite the enormous untapped potential that all types of forests hold, much of the attention in climate policy, including climate finance, has to date focused on the potential of forests in carbon storage and removal, particularly in the tropics.

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)¹, comprising 16 international organizations, recently unveiled its [Joint Call to Action for Forests towards 2030](#) at the 2023 SDG Summit and Climate Action Week in New York. This joint call to action showcased the indispensable role forests play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the urgent need to unlock the full potential of forests and expedite progress toward global goals, especially the crucial Global Forest Goals (GFGs)². The Joint Call to Action serves as a clarion call for heightened commitment, political will, and concerted efforts to fortify forest-based solutions to untap the potential of forests.

Building upon the momentum of this launch, the CPF will hold two events at the UNFCCC COP28. The first event "Climate Action Showcase: Beyond Carbon- Realizing Untapped Potential of Forests to Combat Climate Change" (3:15-4:00pm, 9 December, UNEP Pavilion) will focus on best practices and case studies on capturing full values of forests, productive functions of forests and potential of renewable materials and green jobs. The speakers will also share their perspectives about the future implementation of the Joint Call to Action. The second event "CPF High-level Dialogue- Forests for Our Common Future: Halting and Reversing Deforestation by 2030" (10 December, 2:00-3:30pm, COP28 Action Arena 1 (Al Hur)) will feature CPF's actions to accelerate efforts in halting and reversing deforestation by 2030.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/collaborative-partnership-on-forests/about/en>

² [Link to the event report to be added]

Objective

This event will provide an opportunity for the participating CPF members to share their best practices and case studies on capturing the full values of forests, the productive functions of forests and the potential of renewable materials and green jobs.

Modalities

The event will be held in English with no simultaneous interpretation. Following the opening remarks and the keynote address, representatives of the participating CPF member organizations will address the event as panelists in response to the following guiding questions:

1. What are concrete pathways for CPF members to realize full values of forests beyond carbon in the four focal areas of the CPF Joint Call to Action for Forests towards 2030 (Implementation and Action; Data, Science and Innovation; Finance for Forests; and Communication and Awareness-raising)?
2. What is your organization's next step to implement the CPF Joint Call to Action?

Opening remarks



Ms Maria Helena Semedo

Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations / Chair Collaborative Partnership on Forests

Keynote speech

FCLP representative (tbc)

Panelists



Ms Sheam Satkuru

Executive Director, International Tropical Timber Organization



Mr Pascal Martinez

Senior Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility



Ms Éliane Ubalijoro

Chief Executive Officer, Center for International Forestry Research-World Agroforestry Centre / Director General, World Agroforestry Centre



Ms Susan Gardner

Director of the Ecosystems Division, UN Environment Programme

Closing remarks



Ms Juliette Biao

Vice-Chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests / Director of the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat

Moderator



Ms Mirey Atallah

Head of Nature for Climate Branch, UN Environment Programme

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