

Forest Policy and Legal Instruments Day

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Friday, 15 November 2024

Forest Pavilion within the SDGs Pavilion, Blue Zone, Baku, Azerbaijan



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COP29 FOREST PAVILION

2024 UN Climate Change Conference

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Concept Note for “Forest Policy and Legal Instruments” Day

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Introduction to Forest Pavilion

The inaugural Forest Pavilion at the 2024 UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) will provide a central platform for all stakeholders to galvanize collective efforts in safeguarding and leveraging forests for a just, equitable, and sustainable future for all.

The main objectives of the Forest Pavilion are to raise the visibility of forests in climate COPs and their negotiations and provide a multi-stakeholder platform for advocacy and partnerships to showcase why forests matter in climate ambition and the sustainability of our planet by bringing together leaders in policy, law, science, and practice from around the world.

The summary report of the Forest Pavilion will be prepared as the outcome to provide key messages, highlights, and snapshots of the activities. The lessons of the inaugural Forest Pavilion at COP29 are expected to inform the design of the Forest Pavilion at the 2025 UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Brazil. The Forest Pavilion at COP29 will be organized by multi-stakeholder founding partners¹. The Forest Pavilion will be established in the Blue Zone² as part of the reimagined SDG Pavilion organized by UN DESA.

¹ Founding partners are: Asian Development Bank; Asian Forest Cooperation Organization; Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Global Judicial Institute; Government of Canada; Government of Morocco; Government of the People’s Republic of China; Government of Japan; Government of the United Kingdom; International Bamboo and Rattan Organization; International Council of Forest and Paper Associations; International Sustainable Forestry Coalition; International Union of Forest Research Organizations; Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation; and United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat.

² Open to all accredited COP29 participants

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1.2 Organizers & Partners

The “Forest Policy and Legal Instruments” Day will be organized by the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) and the Model Forest Act Initiative (MoFAI)³ partners — Brazil, Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE), IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (IUCN WCEL), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

- AFoCO is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization that promotes cooperation toward achieving the shared SDGs and regional and global forestry objectives. AFoCO envisions “A Greener Asia with climate-resilient and sustainable forests, landscapes and communities,” the achievement of which is supported by our mission to “Promote action-oriented international cooperation for creating enabling policies, building capacities, and fostering inclusive multi-level partnerships to drive Asian forests onto a climate-resilient and sustainable path.”

As of October 2024, AFoCO’s membership is composed 17 member countries — 15 Parties including Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Viet Nam as well as 2 Observers, Malaysia and Singapore.

- Founded and launched in 2016, the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE) is an autonomous international non-profit association of judges with the mission of supporting the role of judges, courts, and tribunals in applying and enforcing environmental laws and in promoting the environmental rule of law. GJIE is legally seated in Geneva, Switzerland, and is committed to judicial independence, transparency, and integrity. The GJIE is intended as a forum to unify the ongoing efforts of various national and international organizations already preparing, training, and enhancing the capacity of judges on environmental issues.
- IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law’s (WCEL) mission is to assure through the environmental rule of law, the proper valuation, conservation, restoration and sustainable use of nature through transformative change across legal, political, technological, social, financial and economic sectors. WCEL works to enhance the development and strengthen the implementation of environmental law and policy, including through best practices and inter-sectoral strategies for effective compliance

³ The MoFAI is a global partnership comprised of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE), IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (IUCN WCEL), UN Environment Programme (UNEP), UN Forum on Forests (UNFF), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Asian Development Bank, World Bank Group, Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF), and Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), among others.

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and enforcement. WCEL promotes the environmental rule of law globally, particularly in countries that seek to improve their law and governance systems. WCEL aims to strengthen the capacity of governments, the judiciary, prosecutors, law schools, and other stakeholders as they develop and implement environmental law.

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is committed to fostering a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty in the region. As the region's climate bank, ADB prioritizes combating climate change and its consequences, allocating \$100 billion in climate financing from 2019-2030 to support developing member countries in addressing climate challenges, disaster risks, and environmental degradation. ADB achieves its goals by providing loans, grants, equity investments, and technical assistance to promote social and economic development.
- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

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2. PROGRAM

The Forest Pavilion is shared with the SDG Pavilion with predetermined time allocations to ensure each pavilion can independently carry out its respective daily programming.

STAGE	TIME	TIME SLOT / EVENT	EVENT LEAD & CONTACTS
Social Media Stage*	09:30 - 10:30 (1h)	-	
		<i>15-minute overtime leeway & prep for next event</i>	
	10:45 - 11:45 (1h)	-	
		<i>15-minute overtime leeway & prep for next event</i>	
	12:00 - 13:00 (1h)	-	
Main Stage	1:00 - 4:00 PM (3h)	The Model Forest Act Initiative: A Global Partnership to Improve the Legal Protection of Forests	Brazil, GJIE, IUCN WCEL, ADB, UNEP, ICCEL
	4:00 - 4:30 PM	30~45 min overtime leeway & prep for next event	
	4:30 - 6:00 PM (1h 30m)	Advancing Forest Policies for NDC Achievement and Carbon Market Access through International Cooperation	AFoCO, Gold Standard
		<i>30 min overtime leeway & preparation for next event</i>	
	6:30 - 8:00 PM Overtime slot	- (additional costs to be borne by event organizer)	

**Morning events can only be arranged at the social media stage as the main stage area is being used for SDG Pavilion events*

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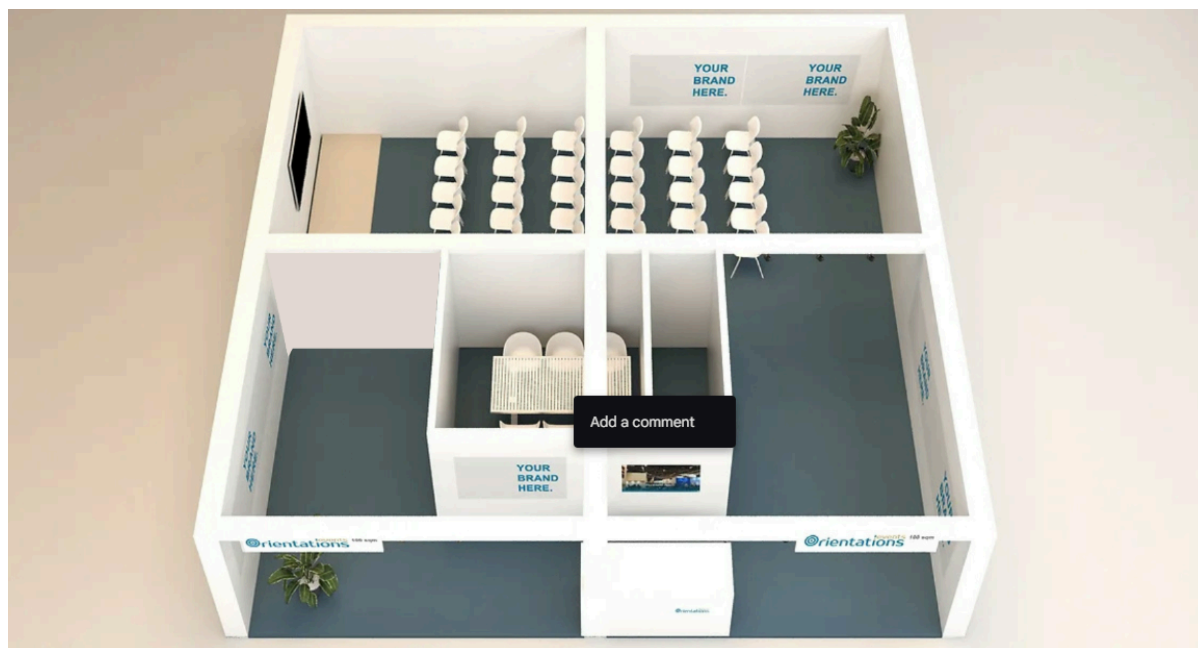
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3. VENUE LAYOUT

The 100m² Pavilion area is composed of the Main Stage and Social Media Stage:

- Main Stage (equipped with full AV capabilities⁴) is mainly to be used for: Interactive panel discussions and Launching of publications and partnerships
- Social Media Stage is mainly to be used for interviews and fireside chats.



4. COMMUNICATION PLAN

The main poster for the event is [HERE](#).

The lead organizations will develop and print flyers for the respective side events for distribution and dissemination at the pavilion reception area.

Event pages on the lead organization websites will also be created to disseminate information on the side events.

⁴ Audio/video recording; live streaming; computer projection and presentation; wireless microphones; and a lectern

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ANNEX 1.

Forest Pavilion Side Event Concepts

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- **1:00 - 4:00 PM**
The Model Forest Act Initiative: A Global Partnership to Improve the Legal Protection of Forests
by Brazil, GJIE, IUCN WCEL, ADB, UNEP and ICEL
- **4:30 - 6:00 PM**
Advancing Forest Policies for NDC Achievement and Carbon Market Access through International Cooperation
by AFoCO

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2024 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 29)

- Forest Pavilion Side Event -



The Model Forest Act Initiative (MoFAI)

A Global Partnership to Improve the Legal Protection of Forests

15 November 2024 / 1:00 - 4:00 PM Baku time

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Organized by Brazil, GJIE, IUCN WCEL, ADB, UNEP and ICEL

1. Background

- The Model Forest Act Initiative (MoFAI) is a groundbreaking initiative to develop a Model Forest Act as a systematic way to provide expertise, efficiency, and scale required to match the severity of the global forest crisis. The Model Forest Act is a legal blueprint for policymakers, legislators, and other stakeholders in designing a modern forest legal framework to meet 21st-century challenges such as climate change and biodiversity loss. It uses a systematic, interdisciplinary, multistakeholder, and evidence-informed approach to design a model legislative text that can be applied and tailored to country-specific contexts and needs.
- The MoFAI directly contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 13's (Climate Action) goal to strengthen climate resilience and SDG 15's (Life on Land) goal to protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems. It also supports the Global Forest Goals and the Paris Agreement by providing a legal blueprint to assist countries develop policies that reduce deforestation, protect biodiversity, and mitigate climate change. The first part of this side event will provide an overview of the MoFAI's key features, benefits, development process, and opportunities for countries, especially developing countries.
- Alongside a strong legal framework, the judiciary plays a pivotal role in the implementation and enforcement of forest laws. The second part of this side event will highlight the judiciary's crucial function in upholding environmental laws and safeguarding forests. Judges from various regions will discuss challenges such as evolving laws, transnational deforestation, and enforcement difficulties. They will also share strategies to enhance judicial effectiveness, including robust legal frameworks and enforcement mechanisms.

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2. Session objectives

- Present the key features and benefits of the Model Forest Act Initiative, focusing on its development process, components, and adaptability to various country contexts.
- Highlight the judiciary's role in upholding environmental laws and protecting forests, including the interpretation and enforcement of these laws.
- Discuss the challenges courts face, such as evolving laws, transnational deforestation, and enforcement difficulties, and explore opportunities to enhance judicial effectiveness.
- Identify opportunities for future collaboration among stakeholders to advance the MoFAI's goals and improve forest governance globally.

3. Side Event Program

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER(S)
1:00 -1:05 PM	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Juliette Biao, Director, Secretariat, UNFF
1:05-1:35 PM	Opening Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Chief Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin, National High Court of Brazil; MoFAI Chair; and President of GJIE • Ambassador Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado, Special Ambassador for Climate Change, Brazil • Thomas M. Clark, General Counsel, ADB • Andrea Meza Murillo, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

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1:35 - 2:10 PM	Panel I – Role of the Law in Saving Forests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Chief Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin, National High Court of Brazil; MoFAI Chair; and President of GJIE Raynaldo Sembiring, Executive Director, Indonesian Center for Environmental Law Representative from CIFOR-ICRAF (tbc) <p><i>Moderators: Christina Pak, Principal Counsel, ADB & Nick Bryner, Advisor, GJIE</i></p>
2:10 - 2:25 PM	Q&A	
2:25 - 3:30 PM	Panel II – Role of the Judiciary in the Implementation and Enforcement of Forest Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla, Supreme Court of Nepal Hon. Justice Luc Lavrysen, President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium Hon. Justice Prakash Shrivastava, Chairperson, National Green Tribunal of India Hon. Judge Elisa Samuel Boerekamp, Director-General of the Center for Judicial and Legal Training of Mozambique <p><i>Moderators: Christina Pak, Principal Counsel, ADB & Nick Bryner, Advisor, GJIE</i></p>
3:30 - 3:45 PM	Q&A	
3:45 - 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Christina Voigt, Professor, University of Oslo and Chair of the IUCN WCEL Hon. Chief Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin, National High Court of Brazil; MoFAI Chair; and President of GJIE

4. Target stakeholders/participants

Legislators, policymakers, judges, academia, civil society, others

5. Contribution to the theme of the daily programme “Forest Policy and Legal Instruments”

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By presenting the MoFAI, the session will discuss ongoing efforts to develop a modern legal framework for the protection, conservation, restoration, and ecologically sustainable management and use of forests. The MoFAI exemplifies a key initiative aimed at providing countries with a robust legal instrument to enhance their forest governance at scale and in a cost-efficient way beneficial to countries.

The side event will also bring together key actors in forest governance, including judges, policymakers, and decision-makers to discuss implementation and enforcement challenges. This collaborative approach will highlight the practical opportunities and challenges in strengthening legal frameworks for forest conservation.

6. Focal Points

- Christina Pak, Principal Counsel, ADB, cpak@adb.org
- Nick Bryner, Advisor, Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE), nickbryner@gmail.com
- Samantha Sy, MoFAI Program Manager, ADB, ksy1.consultant@adb.org

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Advancing Forest Policies for NDC Achievement and Carbon Market Access through International Cooperation

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Asian Forest Cooperation Organization

Organized by AFoCO

1. Background

- As climate change impacts become more evident, international cooperation is crucial for effective climate action. Forest ecosystems are vital for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing resilience. The UNFCCC Warsaw Framework for REDD+ and Articles 5 and 6 of the Paris Agreement provide essential policy frameworks to facilitate forest-based climate actions.
- The 2023 Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement: Synthesis Report by the Secretariat indicates global GHG emissions could peak before 2030, potentially decreasing by 8.2% from 2019 levels. Achieving this depends on implementing NDC conditional elements, accessing financial resources, technology transfer, and fostering international collaboration to integrate climate objectives into national policies.

2. Session Objectives

The session aims to strengthen international climate cooperation by showcasing the role of policy and legal frameworks in supporting forest-based climate actions. It will also highlight ongoing initiatives and share strategies to integrate climate objectives into national policies and leverage market mechanisms for sustainable forest management.

- To highlight the role of forest policy frameworks and legal instruments under the UNFCCC Warsaw Framework for REDD+ and Article 6 of the Paris Agreement in enhancing international climate cooperation.
- To share ongoing international forest cooperation initiatives that support host countries in achieving their NDC targets and enhancing climate ambition.

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- To facilitate knowledge sharing on the integration of climate objectives into national forest policies and the development of market-based tools to increase accessibility to carbon markets for sustainable forest management.

3. Session Program

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
4:30 - 4:35 PM	Opening	YoungJu HAN, Program Officer, Carbon Team, AFoCO
4:35-4:40 PM	Opening Remarks by Korea Forest Service	Mr. Songhee NAM Director General, Korea Forest Service
4:40 - 4:55 PM	Strengthening Forest Cooperation Under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: AFoCO's Strategic Approach	Sungho CHOI, Team Leader, Carbon Team, AFoCO
4:55 - 5:10 PM	Case Studies of the Republic of Korea's REDD+ Cooperation & Policy and Legal Efforts to Support Overseas Forest Carbon Stock Enhancement	Mr. Soonjin SO Manager, Korea Forestry Promotion Institute
5:10 - 5:25 PM	Applying Existing Market Infrastructure to Achieve National Goals	Mr. Hugh SALWAY Senior Director, Gold Standard
5:25 - 5:40 PM	Advancements in Article 6.2 Implementation: Cambodia Case and ITMO Policy Updates (Video)	Dr. Delux CHHUN, Director of Forest Industry and International Cooperation Department, Forestry Administration, Cambodia
5:40 - 5:55 PM	Q&A / Panel Discussion	AFoCO, KoFPI, Gold Standard
5:55 - 6:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Sunpil JIN, Vice Executive Director, AFoCO

4. Target Stakeholder/Participants

- Policymakers, government officials, international organizations, legal and carbon market experts, academia, private sector representatives, and NGOs

5. Contribution to the theme of daily programme "Forest Policy and Legal Instruments"

- The seminar aims to enhance understanding of integrating climate objectives into national forest policies. Participants will learn about effective policy frameworks and legal instruments that support international cooperation for forest-based climate actions,

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fostering collaboration and sharing best practices for achieving Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

- Additionally, the session will highlight strategies to improve accessibility to carbon markets through market-based tools and capacity-building initiatives. Participants will gain actionable insights to strengthen their national policies and frameworks, contributing to ambitious climate targets and promoting sustainable forest management practices.

6. Focal points

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