



## From Policy to Practice: Scaling Up Sustainable Forest-Based Bioeconomy Approaches

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13:15 – 14:30

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There is an urgent need to **scale-up innovations** for climate adaptation and mitigation that promote the development of **carbon-neutral economies** while also generating **decent employment** and **supporting the livelihoods** of millions of people. The **sustainable bioeconomy** represents an integrated approach that leverages biological resources to replace fossil fuel-based materials and processes, driving progress across economic sectors while balancing economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social equity.

**Forest products** harvested from sustainably and responsibly managed forests are increasingly recognized as a crucial element of the bioeconomy. However, the supply of forest products to the growing bioeconomy requires a careful and complex balance of cohering objectives related to social well-being, economic development, and environmental values.

Against this background, a **Country and Organization-Led Initiative (COLI) on Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches**, initiated by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management, together with partner countries and organisations, is aiming to further **develop the forest-based bioeconomy worldwide**.

COLI is contributing to the proposed actions of the omnibus resolution of the **UNFF19** as well as the latest work programme of **FAO's Committee on Forestry**. The main aim of COLI is to create a useful **multilateral dialogue** to foster the exchange on sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches by connecting as many interested actors as possible and making best use of synergies.

### Objectives of the side event:

- Highlight the potential of sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches
- Perspectives from policy and practise in different regions
- Announcement of Austria's CLI on Sustainable Forest-Based Bioeconomy Approaches



## Programme

**Moderator:** Tiina Ryttilä, Senior Ministerial Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

### 13:15 – 13:20 | Welcome and objectives

### 13:20 – 13:25 | Opening remarks

**İsmail BELEN**, Chair of the UNFF 20/21 Bureau

### 13:25 – 13:30 | Setting the Scene

**Georg Rappold**, Chair of COLI

Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management, **Austria**

### 13:30 – 14:10 | Panel: Regional Bioeconomy Approaches and Views from Stakeholder Organizations

**Vicente de Azevedo Araújo Filho**, General Coordinator for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Brazil**

**Joseph Morrall**, Director of International Policy – Forests and Agvet Chemicals, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, **Australia**

**William Nambiza**, Coordinator of Forest programs, Embassy of Finland, **Tanzania**

**Ross Hampton**, Executive Director, **International Sustainable Forestry Coalition (ISFC)**

**Maria Pohjala**, Board Member, **International Family Forest Alliance (IFFA)**

### 14:10 – 14:25 | Q&A

### 14:25 – 14:30 | Closing remarks