



COP30 FOREST PAVILION:

A Shared Commitment to Our Planet

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Strengthening different countries' cooperation, promote the sustainable management of Temperate and Boreal forests

14th November 2025, 12-1pm

Canada, Japan, China

In-person/hybrid

English

Concept Note

I. Background

Sustainable forest management aims to ensure the long-term provision of ecosystem services such as timber production, disaster prevention and mitigation, climate change mitigation, and biodiversity conservation.

Temperate and boreal forests account for 16% and 27% of the world's forest area, respectively, and sustainable forest management of these forests plays a crucial role in climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation.

The Montreal Process (MP), involving 12 member countries that host 90% of the world's temperate and boreal forests, established criteria and indicators (C&I) for sustainable forest management in 1994. For 30 years, it has reviewed and revised the C&I and facilitated the preparation and publication of national reports using these standards.

II. Objectives

This session will provide an overview of conservation and management of temperate and boreal forests, including successes and challenges. Panelists will introduce examples of country-level applications of Criteria and Indicators (C&I) and discuss how C&I informed progress over the past 30 years but also reveal future challenges.

III. Programme/Schedules of Events/Speakers

Set up: panel discussion

Length of Time: 60 min

Speakers:

Moderator- Ms.Megan Masters,Deputy Director Multilateral Affairs, Canadian Forest Service

Speakers:

- Mr. Graham Stinson, Chair, Montréal Process Working Group, Canadian Forest Service (virtual)
- Mr. KAWASHIMA Yutaka, Senior Policy Analyst of International Affairs, Forestry Agency Japan (in-person)
- Dr. Jingpin Lei, Liaison Officer of Montreal Process, Sustainable forestry research center, China(virtual)

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Time	Activity	Speaker
12:00-12:05	Opening Remarks	Mr. TANIMURA Eiji, Deputy Director general of Forestry Agency Japan
12:05-12:20	Overview of MP and C&I , Experiences of Canada	Mr. Graham Stinson, Chair, Montréal Process Working Group, Canadian Forest Service (virtual)
12:20-12:30	Experiences of Japan	Mr. KAWASHIMA Yutaka, Senior Policy Analyst of International Affairs, Forestry Agency Japan (in-person)
12:30-12:40	Experiences of China	Dr. Jingpin Lei, Liaison Officer of Montreal Process, Sustainable forestry research center, China(virtual)
12:40-12:55	Panel Discussion	Three speakers and moderator
12:55-13:00	Closing Remarks	Ms.Megan Masters,Deputy Director Multilateral Affairs, Canadian Forest Service

IV. Guiding Questions

1. What are the characteristics of sustainable forest management and its measurement standards and indicators in temperate and boreal forests?

2. What challenges does sustainable forest management face in temperate and boreal forests, and what should MP focus on to address these challenges?
3. How can MP's experience contribute to temperate and boreal forests in a changing climate?

V. Expected main messages

- Increased awareness of how sustainable forest management and its monitoring of temperate and boreal forests form an important part of the solution to addressing climate change challenges
- Enhancing knowledge on criteria, indicators, and measurement methods for sustainable forest management at the national level concerning temperate and boreal forests.

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