



WFC2015
XIV World Forestry Congress

Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable Future

7-11 SEPTEMBER 2015 Durban | South Africa

Building resilience with forests

How do forests contribute to resilient livelihoods, particularly when there are environmental, economic, social or political changes or shocks?

How may forests help buffer communities from natural disasters?

These questions and more will be addressed during the four sessions on the sub-theme, “Building resilience with forests” that will examine how forests can contribute to building resilient communities as well as how communities can contribute to building resilient forests.

Billions of people around the world rely on forests to meet their needs for food, energy and shelter. For them and the millions of people who depend on food from forests and trees to increase the nutritional quality and diversity of their diets, the provision of forest goods and services needs to continue on a regular and reliable basis. Building resilience addresses these needs, both directly and indirectly.



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The events will highlight best cases, opportunities and challenges to building resilience across different forest ecosystems (including drylands), regions and production systems.

To allow for greater participation and inclusion of abstracts, the sessions will be held in different formats – panel discussion, world café and speed-geeking (to exchange information quickly).



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Objectives

- Identify measures that can be taken to build resilience in and with forests.
- Strengthen forest-related institutions/governance mechanisms to support resilience.
- Consider sustainable forest management for building resilience in a landscape approach.
- Share tools to monitor resilience.



Programme snapshot

Sub-theme 2 Building resilience with forests

Monday 7 September 2015	<p>What is resilience and why does it matter?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Keynote address and panel discussion</i>
Tuesday 8 September 2015	<p>Building and maintaining resilience – best practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>World Café i.e. Round Table Discussions</i>
Wednesday 9 September 2015 (am)	<p>Critical insights into resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Speed-geeking</i>
Wednesday 9 September 2015 (pm)	<p>An enabling environment for resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Keynote address and panel discussion</i>

Resilience must be embedded in the institutional, social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, in efforts at all levels to fight hunger and malnutrition - FAO