



## International Conference on Forest Education, 22-24 June 2021

### Breakout Group Briefing Note: 1.5

*“Expanding the scope of forest education:  
fostering a more integrated and holistic approach”*

#### Organizers:

**Reforestamos México & Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education**

**Moderator and Facilitator:** José Carlos Martínez, Director of Innovation, Reforestamos Mexico (Session one);  
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#### Dates and times:

Meeting 1: Tuesday 22nd June, 16:45-18:15PM Central European Summer Time (CEST)

Meeting 2: Wednesday 23rd June, 10:00 -11:30AM CEST

#### Breakout group description:

*The global report on forestry education evidenced, among other issues, that forestry education requires the integration of current topics to make education more relevant in the current socio-economic context, which is constantly changing. The Sustainable Development Goals, a path to achieve a harmonic economic growth compatible with forest ecosystem health and social prosperity, encourage to promote projects to address productive restoration, investment in forestry companies, nature-based solutions, climate change, among others. Therefore, the scope of forestry education needs a more integrated and holistic approach.*

*In this session Forestry professionals will explain their experience and work as leaders of international organizations that have taken forest sciences beyond the traditional sphere. They will talk about how they have been able to integrate other disciplines to address complex issues that involved the practice of forestry. Among those challenges are how to bring scientific information to different actors; inform investors about the importance of forest and business opportunities; and how to promote the value of ecosystem services to the private sector and government.*

#### Questions to be addressed by the breakout group:

1. What are the areas of influence of a forestry professional?
2. Where do you see a forestry professional working / influencing in this new context?
3. What changes are required in forestry education for the forestry professional to reach new spaces?
4. How can forestry professionals influence forestry education?

#### Speakers:

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1. Sandra Rodriguez, General remarks, Professor Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua
2. Lupita Fabregas, Director 4H for Extension University of Missouri
3. René Zamora, PhD, Forest Economist & Senior Associate Latin America Research Coordinator, World Resources Institute

4. Pina Gervassi, Climate Director, Forest Stewardship Council International

**Meeting 2: : Wednesday 23rd June, 10:00 -11:30AM CEST**

1. Felipe Bravo, Data Forest
2. Isabel Vazquez Garrido, INFOCA
3. Sonia Roig, Universidad de León
4. Julia Christian, FERN

**Supporting information:**

1. <https://initiative20x20.org/>
2. <https://open.fsc.org/handle/resource/436/browse?type=title&value=Episode+12%3A+FSC+and+climate+mitigation.+interview+with+Climate+Director+Pina+Gervassi>