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Global Restoration Programmes During the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

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CONTEXT

The United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration is a huge opportunity to restore millions of hectares of degraded land worldwide by 2030. 2 billion hectares of the world's deforested and degraded landscapes, an area larger than South America, have potential for forest and landscape restoration (FLR). Healthy ecosystems provide food, medicines and building materials and are essential to human life. FLR and ecosystem restoration, in general, has the capacity to generate essential economic, social and environmental benefits.

This session will present lessons learned from ongoing successful initiatives of FLR, with a focus on various restoration practices, governance schemes in multiple contexts/ecosystems, ranging from assisted natural restoration to tree growing approaches. This session will also strive to build on the main FLR programmes, such as The Restoration Initiative (TRI) to assess good practices in terms of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, and propose a road map to continue forward.

This session will focus on lessons learned that need to be systematized to achieve at scale global restoration targets involving the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration by 2030.

AGENDA

16:00 – Opening remarks, Ms. Adriana Vidal

16:05 – Keynote speech, Ms. Tiina Vähänen

16:15 – Panel 1: Overview of a few national/regional restoration initiatives in Latin America, Asia Pacific and the Middle East/Mediterranean regions, moderated by Ms. Adriana Vidal:

- 16:15 – Presentation on the Declaration of the Council of Ministers of the Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD) on the importance of forests for the countries of the region and on its position for the World Forestry Congress 2022, Mr. Jair Urriola Quiróz
- 16:20 – Republic of Korea, Mr. Dr. Eunsik Park
- 16:25 – Kenya, Mr. Alfred Gichu
- 16:30 – Democratic Republic of Congo, H.E. Eve Bazaiba Masudi (via video message)
- 16:35 – Congo, H.E. Arlette Soudan-Nonault (via video message)
- 16:40 – Fiji, Ms. Deborah Sue
- 16:45 – Lebanon, Mr. Chadi Mohanna

16:50 – Panel 2: Vision of few taskforce leaders/private sector partners on the implementation of global/regional initiatives on Forest and Landscape Restoration in the context of the United Nations Decade, moderated by Ms. Adriana Vidal with Ms. Yugratna Srivastava, Mr. Garo Batmanian, Mr. Luc Gnacadja and Mr. Stéphane Hallaire

17:25 – Closing remarks, Ms. Tiina Vähänen