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## Forest restoration – a feasible pathway for sustainable development?

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Ambitious forest restoration targets have been set by organizations, governments and other national parties. Different initiatives emphasize different goals, like mitigating climate change, restoring ecosystem integrity and functionality, and benefits to rural dwellers. This session takes a critical look at the global forest restoration project by addressing some fundamental questions. How feasible are the proposed forest restoration goals and targets? What are the links between forest restoration, biodiversity and ecosystem services? Who benefits from forest restoration and how and who bears the costs? How can environmental justice principles be upheld in profoundly different political, social and cultural settings? How will the complex interplay of ecological, social and economic factors that determine restoration feasibility, changing global environmental priorities, and the anticipated increasing impact of climate change influence alternative forest restoration pathways and scenarios? The session is based on the forthcoming book by IUFRO-WFSE: *Restoring forests and trees for sustainable development - Policies, practices, impacts and ways forward*.

Panellists:

- Wil de Jong, Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University, Japan; Adjunct professor, Renmin University of China
- Daniela Kleinschmit, Professor, University of Freiburg, Germany
- Sabaheta Ramcilovic-Suominen, Associate Professor, Natural Resources Institute Finland
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