



## XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

# The Restoration Initiative

## A programme addressing restoration of degraded and deforested lands for the well-being of people and nature

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Simultaneous translation will be provided in French and Korean



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## CONTEXT

With support from the Global Environment Facility, The Restoration Initiative brings the collective strengths and resources of three leading institutions: the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the UN Environment Programme, together with 10 Asian and African countries, to transform restoration ambitions into results.

The core of this programme has been designed to ensure that all 11 national projects (two in Kenya) share a common framework and vision for addressing key barriers to restoration and use a common set of indicators for tracking progress that can inform and scale up collective lesson learning. The programme also provides global coordination, technical support and knowledge capture and dissemination, as further described in the publication *The Restoration Initiative: 2020 Year in Review*.

This side-event aims to share experiences and lessons learned so far. During the session, participants will be able to engage with country representatives who will present examples of the varied technical tools and approaches provided by the programme to plan, implement, and monitor restoration activities.

## AGENDA

**12:30 – Welcome address**, Pascal Martinez

**12:35 – Overview of The Restoration Initiative**, Christophe Besacier

**12:40 – Country presentations and videos**

**13:10 – Questions and Answers**

**13:20 – Panel discussion on TRI global support mechanism**, facilitated by Christophe Besacier

**13:45 – Questions and Answers**

**13:55 – Closing remarks**, Pascal Martinez

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