



SIDE EVENT WITH ONLINE PARTICIPATION

Putting a spotlight on "Unseen Foresters": recognising communities' role in sustainable forest management, and how promising approaches and collaborative solutions and finance could incentivise change

18.00 19.30 hours KST (Seoul)

Wednesday 4th May 2022



ZOOM LINK

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BACKGROUND

Innovating to build international cooperation in and with the forest sector, with co-created solutions could lead to rapid switch to more resilient, adapted, and connected forest landscapes. This side event explores:

Forests and sustainable economic development: Implementation of findings and newly established pilots of promising approaches taken from the Unseen Foresters report, to scale that recognize and support the role of IPLCs, in achieving gains for the world's forests; featuring live collaboration in India on new pilots on valuing and enhancing financing for forest ecosystem goods and services, with an express focus on finding routes to payment for biodiversity related services. In India in the South Western Ghats landscape communities strive for sustainable livelihood development depending on forest resources;

And

Financing for forests: how to secure responsible investments and innovative financing for smallholders and family farmers, with sharing of experiences from our BANKING ON NATURE IN THE MEKONG and newly launched Landscape Resilience Fund . In Viet Nam, the "Central Annamite Landscape" has been selected as one of the Landscape Resilience Fund's priority landscapes. This fund enables direct investment in landscape work over for example five years, to help scale change.

How can we get finance moving to incentivise uptake of best practices and improve forest sector outcomes across the board?

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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PROGRAMME

18.00 Introduction and Setting the scene

Gijs Breukink, Sr. Advisor Responsible Forestry | WWF

18.05 Unseen Foresters, research, findings and the challenge to be met

Duncan McQueen, Principal researcher and leader (forests), Natural Resources | IIED

18.25 Community lead conservation initiatives in CFR area of Vazhachal, Kerala, India

Tiju C. Thomas Associate Coordinator | WWF – India

Community partner representation (video or in person tbc)

18.50 Banking on nature in the Mekong

Nguyen Vu | WWF – Vietnam

Community partner representation (video or in person tbc)

19. 15 Plenary Discussion

All

19.30 Close