



# FAO FORESTRY AT COP22

Events organized by FAO Forestry and partners at the Marrakech Climate Change Conference (COP22) from 7–18 November 2016.



Live audio streaming of many side events will be available here:

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Monday, 7 November

## REDD+ Forest Reference (Emission) Levels and REDD+ results reporting progress and challenges

**Venue:** EU Pavilion, Blue Zone  
**Time:** 18.30-20.00

Countries are required to provide data about emissions from deforestation or degradation in order to participate in the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) process. This forum will discuss lessons learned by countries that have submitted to Forest Reference Levels/Forest Reference Emission Levels (FRL/FREL) prepared for UNFCCC submission, followed by a discussion on common challenges.

Tuesday, 8 November

## Forest Action Day

**Venue:** Atlantic Room, Blue Zone  
**Time:** 13.30-18.30

Achieving the Paris Agreement goals will be impossible without action to protect, restore, and sustainably manage all types of forests. Forest Action Day at COP22 provides an opportunity to bring together state and non-state actors – governments, the private sector, civil society groups, and indigenous peoples’ organizations – to take stock of progress made, and to identify challenges as well as opportunities for increased contributions by forestry to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

>> [Programme](#)

As part of Forest Action Day, the following campaign was organized:

## Forest Action Day Social Media Campaign: Why do forests matter to you?

On Forest Action Day, governments will be asked to take action to protect, restore and sustainably manage the world’s forests. To help make individual voices heard, FAO has organized a social media campaign, inviting people ahead of the day to describe why and how forests matter. The campaign asks individuals to:

1. Think about what forests mean to you and compose a simple message beginning with the phrase “#ForestsMatter to me because...”
2. Post on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook adding the hashtags #ForestActionDay and #COP22.

>> [See some of the reasons people are telling us #ForestsMatter to them.](#)

>> [More information](#)

Friday, 11 November

## Mapping and understanding mountains to achieve the 2030 Agenda

**Venue:** Pacific Room  
**Time:** 13.15-14.45

This side event will assess the wellbeing of mountain communities and ecosystems globally. Because mountains are mentioned in at least three Sustainable Development Goal targets, the discussion will also focus on ways to measure progress using methods such as satellite data collection and household surveys.

>> [Live streaming audio](#)

Monday, 14 November

## Resilient landscapes in Africa’s drylands: seizing opportunities and deepening commitments

**Venue:** African Pavilion, Room 1  
**Time:** 14.00-15.30

Populations in African drylands are increasingly exposed to challenges resulting from land degradation. Jointly organized by the African Union, the World Bank and other key organizations, including FAO, this event will update partners on major developments and commitments to address degradation in the drylands.

## The impact of climate change in mountain areas: a priority for global action

**Venue:** Bering Room  
**Time:** 13.15-14.45

Mountain ecosystems are critical for global fresh water, but are increasingly vulnerable to climate change. Covering 22 percent of all land, mountains are home to over 900 million people, many of whom are impoverished, food insecure and lacking resilience. The event will review needs and mechanisms for addressing climate change in mountains under the UNFCCC.

>> [Live streaming audio](#)

Wednesday, 16 November

## Joining forces to achieve SDG15: delivering on the Global Agenda for forests, climate and development

**Venue:** Blue Zone, Arabian Room  
**Time:** 18.30-20.00

This high-level UN System Side Event will feature a town-hall style dialogue to explore how initiatives in land-use sectors, especially activities aimed at the reduction of emissions for deforestation and forest degradation and the conservation and sustainable management of forests (REDD+) in developing countries are powerful catalysts for delivering on SDG15 and achieving country Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The event will highlight country-level actions which are having impact on the ground, and discuss the way forward in supporting countries to achieve NDCs.

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