



XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests

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Sub-theme 5: Managing and communicating forest information and knowledge
Side Event

A CHALLENGE TO HARMONIZE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO FIGHT AGAINST DEFORESTATION: TOWARDS A NEW, ECOLOGICALLY ROBUST TYPOLOGY OF THE WORLD'S FORESTS

Wednesday May 4, 2022
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Fighting against deforestation has become an emergency for many countries, and some of them, particularly in the European Union, are committed against "Imported Deforestation". However, this commitment presupposes agreement on the definition of the word "forest". While international organisms often use world scale definitions, many countries use their own ones. The adoption of a common international definition of "forest" based on ecological characteristics and on objective descriptors, as we submit an example for debate, should be strongly promoted. We propose three 10 minutes presentations, namely: (1) a new forest definition proposal; (2) prospects of implementation through satellite data sources and land cover meta-language (LCML); (3) consequences for issues related to imported deforestation. Each presentation will be followed by a 15 min debate. The session will end with 15 mn for a global synthesis and recommendations.

PANELLIST



Dr Richard Eba'a Atyi, CIFOR, Team leader for Central Africa, senior scientist working on forest management, certification, policy and economics

OPENING/CLOSING



Ms Ahmim-Richard, Forestry and Agriculture Project Manager, Secretariat of the French Global Environment Facility

SPEAKERS



Dr Sylvie Gourlet-Fleury, CIRAD, senior scientist working on tropical forests ecology and dynamics



Dr Pierre Couteron, IRD-Amap, senior scientist working on linking field to spaceborne information for the characterization of tropical vegetation.



Rémi D'Annunzio, FAO, Forestry Officer working on the development of free and open-source solutions for earth monitoring



Dr Nicolas Picard, Director of the GIP ECOFOR (French group of public interest on forest ecosystems)