

Climate smart forestry or how to integrate adaptation, mitigation and sustainable forest management (B4I and B4a)



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Why this session?

- Climate change influences forests in many ways
 - growth, health, composition, regeneration, threats
- Forest and the forest-based sector influence climate change through
 - carbon sequestration and albedo,
 - substitution of renewable wood to energy intensive materials and fossil energy resources
- Both mitigation of and adaptation to climate change are necessary
 - mitigation avoids what would be unmanageable
 - adaptation manages what remains unavoidable

Why this session?

- General and forest mitigations are necessary as soon as possible to limit the temperature increase and reduce forest impacts
- Due to long forest life cycles, adaptation is necessary right now for
 - wood production
 - climate regulation and thus mitigation of climate change
 - maintenance of all other ecosystem services
- Any silvicultural operation or investment influences both adaptation and mitigation and can be evaluated from both viewpoints
- They influence also sustainable forest management in general
 - Forestry has been criticised when its main objective was wood production
 - Should its main objective be carbon sequestration?

Why this session?

This session aims at:

- i. highlighting the importance of **considering both adaptation to and mitigation of climate change** when planning forest management
- thinking at the integrated level of sustainable forest management in order to assess the consequences of management decisions on any ecosystem service or risk to the forest
- iii. discussing the forest contribution in solving the problems in comparison with the **contribution of other sectors**
- iv. illustrating the presentations with interesting **case-studies**
- v. identifying **key messages for decision makers** in the forest-based sector or out of it.



Presentations in technical session B4I

- Aapo Rautiainen (Luke, Finland)
 - Consistent carbon equivalents for pricing the warming power of surface albedo according to its social cost
- Alexander Moiseyev (Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway)
 - Economic and environmental impacts of European conservation and bioenergy forest management strategies
- Florian Irauschek (Boku, Austria)
 - Adaptating current forest management for multiple ecosystem services to climate change in the Austrian Alps
- Sylvain Caurla (BETA, France)
 - Estimating the climate services value for forest management: the case of drought for maritime pine plantations in South-West France

Presentations in Technical session B4I (cont.)

- Christophe Orazio (EFI, France)
 - Empirical evidences on the potential adaptive performance of alternative species under current and future climate: first results of Reinfforce arboreta network.
- Youjun He (Chinese Academy of Forestry)
 - Forestry policies and practices for climate adaptation and mitigation in China.
- Margaret Sraku-Lartey (CSIR, Ghana)
 - Contribution of indigenous knowledge by local communities to forest management and climate change mitigation and adaptation: case study of Offinso municipality in Ghana
- Maxwel Ferreira da Silva (CEFET/MG, UFMG, Minas Gerais, Brazil)
 - A epistemologia dos modelos na relação de fronteira entre ciencia e politica: piliticas publicas de usi-occupação do solo em face a mitigação e adaptaãão as mudanças climáticas as em MG.

Presentations in Subplenary session B4a

- Rasoul Yousefpour (U. of Freiburg, Germany)
 - Uncertainty of carbon economy in forestry
- Rosa Goodman (SLU, Sweden)
 - Climate-effective reduced-impact logging (RIL-C) can nearly halve emissions from selective logging and meet one tenth of nationally determined contributions from tropical countries
- Guillaume Peterson St-Laurent (UBC and PICS, Canada)
 - Integrating climate change adaptation and mitigation objectives in British Columbia's forests
- Mariana Hassegawa (EFI)
 - Mitigating climate change through climate-smart forestry



Considering all options of adaptation to and mitigation of climate change

Integration of mitigation options such as:

- > sequestration and substitution in order to obtain a global carbon balance
- >albedo and carbon (with a carbon equivalent albedo effect)

Integration of adaptation options such as:

- ➤trends due to warming
- >extreme events that are likely to occur more often
- ➢general adaptation and more targeted adaptation

Integration of adaptation and mitigation options

- ➢ prevention of forest fires
- >selection (growth, mortality) of the right species to be planted for mitigation
- >introduction of mixed species in plantation programmes for mitigation

Integrating any ecosystem service or threat in sustainable management under climate change

Integration of all ecosytem services at the landscape level is also a way to provide diversification as an insurance against climate change

➢It is particularly important to tackle

>mountainous risks

≻wild **fires**

>pests

>Threats can be reduced by appropriate **climate services**

>Local people are also able do deliver climate services!

The forest contribution in tackling climate change in comparison with other sectors

- The forest contribution between nature conservation and energy demand
 Wood products save energy consumption and reduce GHG emissions
- >Leakage effects to other geographic regions or materials
- **Water** management accounts much
- Some decisions should be based beyond forestry on **rural development**
- Climate services are much larger in forestry than in agriculture

Many case-studies

- ≻Africa (Ghana)
- ≻Asia (China)

≻Europe

- ≻In general
- ► Austrian Alps
- ➢France
- >Latin America (Minas Gerais, Brazil)
- ► North America
- ➢Tropical countries in general

Key messages for decision makers

- ➤Think globally
- >Break silos between decision makers, for example in public policies
- >Use models but confront them with reality
- >Don't forget common sense
- Don't forget local knowledge

