
Chatham House Global Forum on Forest Governance

13-17 July 2020

High Level Panel: Monday 13 July 12:00 - 13:30 BST

Ministers and high level officials will discuss their vision for forests and land-use, including their priorities for governance reform, the role of global partnerships and what outcomes they would like to see from the biodiversity and climate COPs in 2021.

Each panellist will give opening remarks and this will be followed by a question and answer session, including questions from the audience.

Chair: Professor Tim Benton, Chatham House

Panellists:

- Lord Zac Goldsmith, Minister of State for the Pacific, International Environment, Climate and Forests, and Animal Welfare, UK
- Director General Cui Shuhong, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China
- Minister Siti Nurbaya, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
- Minister Matondo, Minister of the Forest Economy, Republic of Congo
- Professor ZHANG Jianping, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Commerce, China
- Vice Minister Roberto Esmeral, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Colombia

Agenda for the rest of the week:

Monday 13 July 2020

14:00 - 15:30 BST **Panel 1: International Trade, and its Role in Leveraging Forest Sector Reform**

International trade has been assumed to be an important lever in driving governance reforms and changes in business practices in the forest, agriculture and land use (AFOLU) sector. This panel will scrutinize international trade mechanisms and regulations, including free-trade agreements, voluntary partnership agreements, trade restrictions and bans. The effectiveness of different policy tools in promoting improved governance and sustainable production and trade will be considered, including their impact on livelihoods, domestic markets, land and forest management. Further, it will reflect on the implications of these experiences for future efforts to reform the AFOLU sector through trade mechanisms, particularly in the context of Covid-19.

Chair: Duncan Brack, Chatham House

Panellists:

- Marianne Kettunen, Institute for European Environmental Policy
- Perrine Fournier, Fern
- Paolo Cerutti, CIFOR
- Roberto Waack, Brazilian Coalition on Climate, Forests and Agriculture / Hoffmann Centre for Sustainable Resource Economy

Tuesday 14 July 2020

11:00 - 12:30 BST **Panel 2: Options for Demand-Side Regulations: Aligning with Producer Country Priorities**

Demand side regulations have been widely used as a tool aimed at reducing negative environmental and social impacts in commodity supply chains, for example, on conflict minerals; illegal timber; and cross-sectoral requirements on human rights. The US, EU and UK are currently exploring the further use of such measures to reduce the environmental and social impacts of imported goods. This panel will bring together experts from key producer countries and trading partners to hear perspectives on the potential implications of such legislation for their countries. The needs and priorities of producer countries for their land-use sectors will be considered, and the extent to which these intersect with potential new demand-side regulations in the EU and US. The types of measures that would best support their domestic agendas for sustainable development will be discussed. Questions to be addressed include:

- What types of regulation are under consideration in the EU & US?
- What types of approach would best support priority issues in producer countries?
- What are the risks of demand-side regulation & can these be mitigated?

Chair: Francesco Tramontin, Mondelez

Panellists:

- Jade Saunders, Forest Trends, UK
- Philip Rothrock, Forest Trends, USA
- Chris Mensah, Rainforest Alliance, Ghana
- Anggalia Putri, MADANI, Indonesia
- James Otto, Sustainable Development Institute, Liberia

Wednesday 15 July 2020

14:00 - 15:30 BST **Panel 3: Transparency in the Forest and Land-Use Sector**

Improving forest sector transparency has been a priority for those seeking to strengthen forest governance. This panel will consider what progress has been made with respect to government and private sector transparency, drawing on experience in Africa and Asia. Panellists will give their perspectives on where gaps remain, and what measures should be prioritized, to further support accountable and effective governance in the forest and land-use sectors. Questions to be addressed include:

- What types of information have been most useful and how has this been used by different actors?
- What impact has data availability had on the behaviour of companies and governments?
- What other governance factors are influential in enabling transparency to lead to accountability?
- How can international partners best support improved accountability?

Chair: Alison Hoare, Chatham House

Panellists:

- Tom Blomley, FGMC, UK
- Gene Birikorang, independent, Ghana
- Matthew Walley, Sustainable Development Institute, Liberia
- Andrew Zeleman, National Union of Community Forestry Development Committee, Liberia

Friday 17 July 2020

11:00 - 12:30 BST Panel 4: Emerging and Radical Ideas for Forests

This panel will discuss the emerging and radical narratives related to forests, land use and livelihoods considering how these narratives and frameworks could reduce poverty and inequality, the implications for climate and biodiversity objectives, the necessary changes that would allow for the transitions that are envisioned, and how we can ensure the younger and future generations will not be hindered from enjoying nature. An online discussion with younger people (18-30) in Africa and Europe will be convened prior to the live event via [Chatham House's 'Common Futures' platform](#), to collate views and questions on this matter, which panellists will respond to during the live event.

Pre-recorded videos (available on event app to registered participants):

- Bram Buscher, Wageningen University, Netherlands
- Swati Hingorani, IUCN, USA
- Crista Valentino and Amy Lewis, WILD

Chair: Thiago Uehara, Chatham House

Panellists:

- Samuel Nguiffo, CED, Cameroon
- Fangyuan Hua, University of Peking, China
- Vanessa Nakate, 1 Million Activist Stories, Uganda
- Bhaskar Vira, University of Cambridge, UK