

Detailed programme for Thursday 30 May 2019 - Forest Landscape Restoration

Thursday, 30 May 2019

09:15 – 09:30

Registration of participants

09:30 – 09:45

Opening

- Welcome remarks by the host country representative from Kyrgyzstan
- Opening remarks by:
 - Mr. Roman Michalak, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section
 - Mr. Roman Volosyanchuk, IUCN

09:45 – 11:00

Session 1: Forest Landscape Restoration – a holistic approach

Presentations [10 min each]:

- What is degradation and how to address it? *Mr. Niels Thevs, ICRAF*
- The many faces of FLR – FLR a holistic approach to address development priorities and international commitments and ROAM as a methodology to identify FLR opportunities that are socially, economically and ecologically appropriate, *Mr. Roman Volosyanchuk, IUCN*
- The international set of targets and indicators that are aligned with FLR, *Mr. Roman Michalak, UNECE/FAO*

Followed by a discussion, delegates may wish to address the following points:

- How is your country addressing the international-set targets and indicators, including SDG 15, the UN Strategic Plan on Forests' targets (GFG 1, 3), their NBSAPs indicators for Aichi Biodiversity Target 7 and 15?
- How is your country reporting on their NDCs and possibly LDN?
- How does your country define degradation?

11:00 – 11:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK AND GROUP PHOTO

11:30 – 13:00

Session 2 - Panel Discussion: Road to implementation – national perspectives

Moderator: Mr. Maxat Yelemessov – presentation on the outcomes of the Astana Ministerial Roundtable

Representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan may wish to address the following points:

- What was achieved since the Astana Ministerial Roundtable?
- What are crucial implementation hurdles for FLR in your country?
- What factors are critical to the successful implementation of restoration commitments?
- Which policies are put in place to enable FLR in your country?
- What are your country's experiences on restoration of forest landscapes?
- What linkages, if any, are being made to biodiversity conservation and climate change?

13:00 – 14:00

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Session 3: Panel Discussion: Road to implementation – international perspectives and experiences

Moderator: Mr. Eldiar Sheripov

Presentations [10 min each]:

- The Bonn Challenge and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, *Mr. Roman Volosyanchuk, IUCN*
- Pitch of the 30x30 initiative and FLR projects in the region, *Ms. Drita Dade, World Bank*
- Funding opportunities for FLR, *Mr. Ekrem Yazici, FAO*

14:00 – 15:30

Presentations [5 min each]:

- Small-scale restoration project in Kyrgyzstan, *Mr. Marat Asanaliev, GIZ*
- Forest Summit Armenia, *Mr. Alen Amirkhanian, American University Armenia*

Panelists may wish to address the following points:

- What factors are critical to the successful implementation of restoration commitments?
- How can international cooperation be optimized?
- What tools, mechanisms are a good example for implementing landscape restoration?
- How can restoration efforts be scaled-up?
- What can the private sector do for FLR in the region?

15:30 – 16:00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Session 4: The way forward

Presentation of the Bonn Challenge Barometer, *Mr. Roman Volosyanchuk, IUCN*

Peer-to-peer learning exercise:

16:00 – 17:00

- How is your country tracking progress?
- Which information needs to be gathered for progress tracking?
- How to use the C&I for SFM to measure progress on FLR implementation?
- What are your expectations, feedback, strategies?
- How do you see the future work on FLR in your country, what are the support needs?

17:00 – 17:30

Wrap up and conclusions

Needs assessment and way forward.