



Session: **International Forests and Water Dialogue**
Date: **Tuesday, 8 September - Wednesday, 9 September; 10:00 – 16:30/17:00**

Description

Forests use water, but they also provide water. Forests and trees regulate surface and groundwater flows; maintain high water quality; help reduce water-related risks, such as landslides, floods and droughts; and contribute to the prevention of desertification and salinization.

Worldwide, more than one in six people still do not have access to safe drinking water and approximately 80 percent of the global population lives in areas where water resources are insecure. As global demand for fresh water rises and water grows scarcer, land managers and policy-makers need to balance the trade-offs between the ecosystem services provided by forests and trees and forest-induced changes in water availability.

This two-day special event will see the finalization and launch of a Five-year Forests and Water Action Plan. Calling for action in the areas of science, policy, economics and forest practices, the Plan was drafted over the last two years by an expert group and partner organizations from around the world.

Who can attend?

All individuals and institutions registered for the Congress are welcome to attend. In particular, the event promises to draw government technicians and extension officers, policymakers, scientists, practitioners and private sector representatives from the water, forestry, agroforestry, landscape planning, economic, rural development and finance sectors.

Please indicate your interest in attending the event when registering for the Congress.

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