



“ENHANCING FORESTRY EDUCATION IN AFRICA”

Date and time: 8th of September, 19:45-21:00

Venue: Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (Durban ICC), room 21ABC

Organized jointly by International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA) and International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), this side event aims to review and discuss the current state of forestry education in Africa and provides a platform for dialogue between students and professionals. Students across Africa have the chance to identify and define the main gaps and challenges in forestry education during the pre-side event workshop. Outcomes of the workshop will feed into panel discussion, where panelists and audience will express their opinions, comments and views about solutions to these matters and issues.

Detailed programme:

19:45-20:15

- *Opening and introduction of the side event* by the moderator Vladislav Vejnovic (IFSA)
- *Welcome address (5 min)* by Prof. Mike Wingfield, IUFRO President
- *Welcoming words (5 min)* by May Anne Then, IFSA President
- *Presentation of the Joint IFSA-IUFRO Task Force on Forestry Education (7-8 min)* by Magdalena Lackner, the coordinator from IFSA
- *Presentation of the outcomes of the pre-side event workshop (10 min)* by IFSA representative(s) from Africa

20:15-20:50

- *Panel discussion with the audience (35 min) including following panelists:*
 - Mr. Dominique Reeb, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
 - Prof. Paxie Chirwa, Southern African Institute of Foresters (SAIF) and the University of Pretoria;
 - Mr. Willie Louw, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU);
 - Prof. Mike Wingfield, International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO);
 - Ms. Tatenda Mapeto, International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA);
 - Representative from local forestry students in Africa

20:50-21:00

- *Wrap-up by moderator and closing remarks (10 min)* by Prof. Mike Wingfield, IUFRO President
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Modest amount of snacks and beverages will be provided by the organizers.