



Session: **Future forests - exploring integrated solutions on multiple challenges**  
Date: **Tuesday, 8 September, 12:45 – 14:15**  
Venue: **Meeting room 21ABC**

## **Description**

The challenge: the future of forests is increasingly linked to mega trends. These include demographic and social change, shifting economic power, and an increase in energy consumption all placing growing demands on natural resources including forests. Climate change will also have large impact on forests, but forests may at the same time hold solutions to mitigate climate change while replacing fossil energy. To meet these complex and interlinked challenges, future governance models need to balance and prioritize among stakeholder needs, from global to local levels, and support learning amongst actors about institutional interactions that promotes legitimate, effective and cross-sectorial solutions. Event outline - Future Forests is sharing knowledge on how an interdisciplinary scientific framework can be used to address the outlined challenges. We invite panelists to a discussion on a) how to engage stakeholders at different levels in forest transition processes in different parts of the world and b) what are the future forests governance models to address the challenges described above. Panelists: Swedish government, WWF International, IUFRO, IKEA (all confirmed) and a governmental representative of the DRC (tbc.) In the presentations we will address the following questions: •How will mega-trends influence forests? Future Forests in collaboration with IIASA have explored future climate scenarios and societal trends to display possible effects on forests. •What do people want for the future of forests? Future Forests have used participatory back-casting to identify desired forest futures of key actor groups, displaying current and potential future conflicts. •What are the pathways to a sustainable forest future? Future Forests in cooperation with leading forest governance scientists from Australia, Canada, Finland, New Zealand, Germany and Brazil have assessed how forest governance models conceptualize and respond to current sustainability challenges.

## **Convening organizations**

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