



Session: **Global Forest Science Collaboration - Investing in Knowledge Generation, Capacity Building and Education in Forestry**  
Date: **Wednesday, 9 September, 18:15 – 19:30**

## **Description**

The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) is the leading global network for forest science cooperation. It is the only worldwide international organization devoted to forest research and related sciences. The XXIV IUFRO World Congress in October 2014 explored the role of science in crafting practical measures to enhance the resilience of forests and their capacity to provide the environmental, economic, social, cultural, spiritual and health benefits that sustain rural and urban societies worldwide. Based on the Salt Lake City Congress Declaration, IUFRO committed itself to expand and intensify its efforts to develop and promote integrated solutions to the interrelated economic, social and environmental challenges we must face together. These efforts will also inform the discussions at the FAO's XIV World Forestry Congress 2015 which will promote ongoing efforts towards achieving a coherent and integrated development agenda beyond 2015. With its new Strategy 2015-2019 "Interconnecting forests, science and people", IUFRO addresses five themes related to 1) Forests for People, 2) Forests and Climate Change, 3) Forests and Forest Products for a Greener Future, 4) Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Biological Invasions and 5) Forest, Soil and Water Interactions. Contents, which, to a large extent, relate to the key issues debated at the XIV World Forestry Congress. In this context, IUFRO will use the opportunity to inform the Congress participants on the focus of scientific research and input for concrete implementation in the related fields. The IUFRO President, Vice-Presidents and other leading IUFRO officeholders will share highlights of IUFRO contributions from Divisions, Task Forces and Special Programmes and Initiatives to knowledge generation, capacity building and education in forestry. These inputs will set the stage for a discussion of a Panel with leading representatives of user communities, including FAO.

## **Convening organizations**

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