



Session: **Experiences of implementing the resilient landscape approach
in the uMngeni catchment, South Africa**
Date: **Wednesday, 9 September, 12:45 – 14:15**
Venue: **Hall 3BC**

Description

An interactive workshop will be held catalyzing dialogue on the Resilient Landscape Approach (RLA) that WWF has developed and is testing in the uMngeni catchment (in which Durban is situated). Its objectives are to: a) share the concept and lessons learnt of the RLA and New Generation Plantation (NGP) Platform; b) deepen participant understanding of working at a landscape scale within the context of their own and other countries; c) Illustrate how social-learning techniques can be utilized to support meaningful learning, and potential social change, in landscape approaches. The following activities will be undertaken: • A short introduction explaining how a NGP study tour was used to catalyze the RLA, enabling multiple water users from the plantation forestry, dairy, and sugar industries, together with associated value chain role players in the retail, banking and insurance industries, to begin understanding the importance of working together. • The video “Trees, cows, sugar and 4 million others” filmed during the NGP study tour will be shown. The video shows how role players began to collaboratively develop a shared understanding of the importance of ecological infrastructure in the uMngeni landscape, and a shared risk of its degradation, in an attempt to work towards shared future actions to secure the integrity of the ecological infrastructure. • The landscape orientated learning tool called Windows on our World, is presented and explain how it is used to: a) stimulate participant prior knowledge and understanding of landscape issues; b) broaden participant understanding of working at a landscape scale within the context of their own and other countries; c) stimulate group dialogue and learning of landscape issues. The lessons learnt and difficulties encountered during the first 2 years of implementing the RLA will also be shared. • A facilitated discussion where attendees pose questions to the organizers, sharing their experiences and lessons.

Convening organizations

WWF World Wide Fund for Nature
NGP New Generation Plantation Platform
IUFRO International Union of Forest Research Organizations

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