



Session: **Resources for the Future: Transformation in Forest Use**
Date: **Wednesday, 9 September, 19:45 – 21:00**
Venue: **Meeting room 12B**

Summary:

Better Institutions or Private Rights? Achieving a Sustainable Use of Forests

There are a range of pressures on the globe's forests that are transforming how people use and value forests. Achieving sustainability and deciding optimally among trade-offs in forest use is challenging—particularly given dynamic changes such as climate change, and evolving social, technological, political and economic contexts. Some scientists argue that private rights and the use of market based approaches to addressing ecological problems, like forest degradation and protection are more effective; particularly when there is a need for private capital in management interventions. However, market based approaches have weaknesses, including distributive justice impacts, that may exacerbate existing problems. Another group of scientists call for better institutions that enable collective action to protect and restore forests. These approaches build on local norms and values to encourage adaptive management by local peoples. The purpose of this key note speech and panel discussion is to re-visit this debate and explore innovative approaches from across the globe.

Moderator and Introduction: Dean John Innes, Faculty of Forestry UBC (20 mins)

6 member panel: 5 minutes to present their view point and then question time. (55 minutes)

1. Dr. Rodney Schmidt- Deputy Director- Global Programs, Rights and Resources Initiative
2. Dr. Tek Maraseni- University of Southern Queensland
3. Dr. Kathleen McGinley- US Forest Service
4. Kimani Jackson, Regional Director- Africa, Clinton Climate Initiative, Clinton Foundation
5. Johanna Wehkamp- Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MMC), Berlin
6. Miguel Lovera, Global Forest Coalition, Paraguay