



Session: **Resources for the future: transformation in forest use**
Date: **Wednesday, 9 September, 19:45 – 21:00**
Venue: **Meeting room 12B**

Description

The overarching purpose of this event is to showcase the findings from a proposed IUFRO Task Force, entitled "Resources for the Future: Transformation in Forest Use". The Task Force examines the process in transformation occurring with how we use and value forests. This transformation occurs at different scales and is dynamic. For example, transformation is occurring among industry and the types of products they can produce from forests. Also, there has been a transformation with how we value forests, increasingly economic values are placed on the services produced by forests. These transformative changes are created by social, economic, ecological and cultural drivers for change. But the transformations occurring may not necessarily lead to optimal, efficient or equitable outcomes. The aim of this Task Force and this event at the World Forestry Congress is to identify institutions, policies and mechanisms to encourage sustainable transformation in how we use and value forests. In the Task Force, lessons will be shared by forestry practitioners, policy makers, industry, NGOs and Indigenous groups to identify the costs and benefits from different transformative pathways. These transformative pathways are the institutional approaches and social learnings that have occurred in different jurisdictions. Through this unique Task Force we will be able to identify the suitability of different transformative pathways with a structured understanding of the opportunities and challenges, discussed in terms of equity, efficiency and effectiveness. The findings from the Task Force will be synthesized and shared in the event. We will have leading experts from the Task Force present the findings in a panel style format, including Dean John Innes (UBC), Dr. Sven Wunder (CIFOR) an expert on forest ecosystem services based in Brazil; Dr. David Brand, CEO New Forests, a leading organization involved in forest ecosystem services; and, Dr. Sonia Akter, a leading ecological economist, NUS.

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