

# GLOBAL FOREST EXPERT PANEL ON FORESTS AND WATER MEETS SCIENTISTS AND STUDENTS

**18 January 2018, 15:00-16:30**

***Room EH 05, BOKU Wilhelm-Exner-Haus, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
1190 Wien, Peter Jordan Straße 82***

The [Global Forest Expert Panels \(GFEP\)](#) initiative is a mechanism linking information requirements of intergovernmental processes related to forests and trees with existing scientific expertise. GFEP carries out objective and independent scientific assessments on key issues of high concern and produces reports to support informed decision-making at the global level.

The goal of the [Global Forest Expert Panel on Forests and Water](#) is to carry out a comprehensive global scientific assessment about the interactions and linkages between forests and water, and to prepare a peer-reviewed scientific report and policy brief. The assessment contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by exploring the interactions between SDG 6 on “water” and SDG 15 on “forests”. The report and policy brief will be launched at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF 2018) in July 2018 in New York. The outcomes of the assessment will be communicated also in several other international forums.

The Expert Panel is composed of 23 internationally renowned scientists and carries out its work through meetings and virtual communication. The Panel will convene for its third meeting in Vienna, Austria from 17-19 January, 2018. The organization of the meeting is financially supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism (BMNT).

We would like to invite you to take part in the informal meeting and knowledge exchange between the Panel Members, scientists and students, organized on the sidelines of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Expert Panel Meeting on 18 January 2018 by the International Forestry Students’ Association’s Local Committee in Austria (IFSA LC BOKU). This is a unique opportunity to meet the international experts and ask them questions about the work they are doing!

## **Programme for the meeting**

15:00 – 16:30

- *Opening remarks from representatives of BOKU and IFSA LC BOKU*
- *Brief introduction to the GFEP initiative (GFEP Coordinator)*
- *Brief overview of GFEP assessment on Forests and Water (GFEP Co-Chairs)*
- *Statements of Coordinating Lead Authors of chapters*
- *Discussion with audience, interaction with GFEP Panel Members*

16:30 – *Wine reception*



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