



Convention on  
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**Side event, UNFF 18**  
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**Conference room 8**

## **United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework - interlinkages to leverage impact at the national level**

### **Rationale and background**

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) was adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in its decision 15/4, along with a package of decisions on monitoring, capacity building and technical and scientific cooperation, financial resources, and digital sequence information on genetic resources. The Framework has four outcome-oriented goals and 23 action-oriented targets addressing threats to biodiversity, nature's contribution to people, and support to implementation for achieving the Vision of living in harmony with nature by 2050. The Framework emphasizes a whole government approach and a whole of society approach as its success will critically rely on partnerships working in unison to achieve ambitious targets.

The United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 (UNSPF) provides a global framework to sustainably manage all types of forests and trees outside forests, and to halt deforestation and forest degradation. The UNSPF has six Global Forest Goals (GFG) and 26 targets to be achieved by 2030.

The GFG and GBF targets share common set of themes, such as spatial planning, sustainable management, expansion and improvement of protected areas, ecosystem restoration, combatting invasive alien species, species conservation, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, forest ecosystem functions and services, governance, financial resources, scientific and technical cooperation, and knowledge management.

These themes are interlinked and actions to address them can become more manageable and effective under a whole of government and a whole of society approaches. How can countries capitalize on complementarities and synergies of both frameworks and how organizations and partners could support countries to manage this change?

In this context, this side event will:

- Identify complementarities and opportunities for synergies between the United Nations Strategic Partnership for Forest and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Explore potential areas of collaboration among global partners to effectively support countries in their national implementation.



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## Agenda

**Moderator:** Jamal Annagylyjova, Programme Officer on Forest Biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration, CBD Secretariat

<b>Opening</b>		
2 mins	Jamal Annagylyjova, Programme Officer on Forest biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration, CBD Secretariat	Welcome remarks
3 mins	Jihyun Lee, Director, Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division, CBD Secretariat	Introduction - Forest Ecosystems in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
5 mins	Mita Sen, Programme Management Officer, Forest Affairs, UNFF Secretariat	Global Forest Goals supporting the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
7 mins	Jamal Annagylyjova, Programme Officer on Forest biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration, CBD Secretariat	Keynote presentation: Unpacking the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Goals and Targets
<b>Panel discussion – governance, conservation and human wellbeing</b>		
2 mins	Jamal Annagylyjova, CBD	Moderator introduces the panel
25 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cécile Ndjebet (TBC), President of the African Women’s Network for Community Management of Forests (REFACOF), and 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award recipient</li> <li>Carole Saint-Laurent, Head, Forest and Grassland Team, Centre for Conservation Action, IUCN</li> <li>Duckha Jeon, Director of Forest Policy Division, Korea Forest Service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest governance under global agreements</li> <li>Expansion and improvement of forest ecosystem conserved areas and other effective conservation measures</li> <li>Republic of Korea experience in global cooperation and forests for human wellbeing</li> </ul>
7 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
<b>Panel discussion - sustainable use and financing</b>		
2 mins	Jamal Annagylyjova, CBD	Moderator introduces the panel
25 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zhimin Wu, Director, FAO Forestry Division and CPF Chair</li> <li>Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director, ITTO</li> <li>Pascal Martinez, Senior Climate Change Specialist, GEF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainstreaming of biodiversity into the agrifood and forest sector</li> <li>Sustainable forest production and halting loss of biodiversity</li> <li>Opportunities and challenges for biodiversity positive carbon credits</li> </ul>
7 min	<b>Q &amp; A and closing</b>	