



Seventeenth RRI Dialogue on **Forests, Governance & Climate Change:** Forest Tenure, Restoration, and Green Growth

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AGENDA

8:00-8:30 | **Registration**

8:30-9:30 | **Welcoming Remarks and Keynote**

Speakers:

1. *Welcome and opening remarks:* Frédéric Doré, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of France in the United States
2. *Welcome and opening remarks:* Arvind Khare, Executive Director, Rights and Resources Initiative
3. *Keynote Address:* Thomas Tidwell, Chief, United States Forest Service

9:30-11:00 | **Session 1: Forest Tenure, Restoration and Green Growth: Linkages & Opportunities**

Chair: Gernot Brodnig, Director, Global Economics and Social Science Programme, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Framing Presentation: *Forest Landscape Restoration – The Current State of Play:* Carole Saint-Laurent, Deputy Director, Global Forest and Climate Change Programme, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Panelists:

1. Estebancio Castro Diaz, Advisor, the International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests
2. Silvia Anaité López, Coordinator, Strategic Forest Ecosystems Unit, National Forest Institute, Government of Guatemala
3. James Bond, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director, The Green Climate Fund

11:00-11:30 | **Coffee Break**



11:30-1:00 | **Session 2: Forest Tenure and Restoration**

Chair: Jenny Springer, Director, Global Programs, Rights and Resources Initiative

Panelists:

1. *Forest Tenure and Restoration Links:* Peter Veit, Director, Land and Resource Rights Initiative, World Resources Institute
2. *Community Forest Tenure and Restoration in Nepal:* Ghan Shyam Pandey, Coordinator, Global Alliance of Community Forestry
3. *Forest Tenure and Restoration in the Sahel and West Africa – Case of Mali:* Célestin Dembélé, Deputy Program Director, Mali, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
4. *Landscape restoration in the Autonomous Region of the North Caribbean Coast (RACCN Nicaragua):* Melibea Gallo, Senior Land Use Specialist, Forest Governance and Economy Unit, IUCN – Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean

1:00-2:00 | **Lunch**

2:00-3.30 | **Session 3: Forest Restoration and Green Growth**

Chair: James Close, Director, Climate Change Group, World Bank

Panelists:

1. *Restoration and the Green Economy:* Michael Verdone, Independent Consultant
2. *Green Growth and Structural Transformation – Opportunities for China's Forest Sector:* Xu Jintao, Professor of Economics, Peking University
3. *Contributions of Community Forests to Forest Restoration and Green Growth in Mexico:* Iván Zuñiga, Coordinator of Public Policy, Mexican Civil Council for Sustainable Forestry
4. *Biomass Energy, Green Growth and Forest Landscape Restoration – Learning from the Past for the Future:* Klas Sander, Senior Environmental Economist, World Bank

3:30-4:00 | **Coffee Break**

4:00-5:20 | **Session 4: Policy Opportunities and Messages**

Chair: Sally Collins, Co-Chair, MegaFlorestais

Panelists:

1. *Mainstreaming Forest Restoration:* Ulrich Apel, Senior Environmental Specialist, Global Environment Facility
2. *Current Status of Forest and Climate negotiations under the UNFCCC and their impact in national strategies and processes:* Josefina Brana-Varela, Policy Director, Global Forest and Climate Programme, WWF International
3. *Ensuring Respect for Rights and Tenure in International Climate Policy:* Niranjali Amerasinghe, Director, Climate Change Program, Center for International Environmental Law

5:20-5:30 | **Closing Remarks:**

Speakers: Arvind Khare (RRI) and Gernot Brodnig (IUCN)

5:30-7:00 | **Reception at the Maison Française**

