

4th ESP LAC 2023

International conference

La Serena, Chile, 6–10 November

Session Description

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Climate, Biodiversity and Restoration: How to articulate them in the Forest Policy?

Format: Hybrid (only open for invited speaker abstract submission)

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Abstract

In order to support the two last goals of the next ESP conference in Chile (optimizing the current governance and policy related to natural resource and nature-based solutions and articulating climate change and biodiversity loss issues), the Corporación Nacional Forestal de Chile (CONAF) and the Forest Division of the Federal Office for the Environment in Switzerland (FOEN) have decided to jointly chair a workshop on forest policy. The workshop's goal will be to build attraction of the local, national and international forest actors to the forest ecosystem services (FES) issues. Thematically, the main political message that the workshop will be promoting is that all ranges of FES should be accounted for, and that tunnel visions (for example the carbon tunnel vision) and silo mentality should be avoided. In addition to emphasizing the importance of ES generated by forests and other vegetation resources, it is intended to visualize the importance of carrying out territorial execution activities focused on improving permanent forest cover and the quality of forest ecosystems, without which, no it will be possible to improve the quality and quantity of FES. Furthermore, it is critical to promote technical-political dialogue and the development of coordinated public policy instruments for the fulfillment objectives in terms of mitigation and adaptation to climate change with territorial approaches in a local, regional, national and international context.

Goals & Objectives

The main interest for FOEN and CONAF to support this workshop is the potential use of the scientific inputs for their national and if possible international forest policies. Once consolidated, scientific inputs could be potentially integrated into international platforms such as UNFF, CBD, SDG Summit, IPBES or UNFCCC. Furthermore, it is considered vital to have access to quality scientific information and science-based guidelines that are applicable within the framework of public policies implemented by the states, considering the limitations that are presented in the effective execution of activities.

Planned output

After the workshop, CONAF and FOEN will jointly discuss on the inputs of the workshop and on the way to potentially integrate them into national forest policies and into international platforms. If desired, the main outcomes of the workshop will be presented as a flash keynote (10-15 minutes) to the overall conference during the last conference's day. This presentation will contain the main political messages obtained during the workshop and be part of the

conference proceedings. Moreover, CONAF, FOEN and ESP will jointly write and publish a policy brief presenting the main outcomes of the workshop.

Session format

The workshop will take place possibly on Tuesday 7 November 2023 in La Serena in Chile. It will be jointly chaired by CONAF and FOEN. It will be held in a hybrid format and have the following structure:

1. Short presentations (45 minutes: 10 minutes each + 15 minutes exchanges, moderation CONAF and FOEN) if desired this first part could be done in plenary conference:

- Topic Climate, finance and sustainable forest solutions: GCF (Benjamin Singer)
- Topic Biodiversity in sustainable forest management: CIFOR, Latin America
- Topic High scale restoration of forest landscape: Chilean local forest manager (NGO, Forest owners)

The exchanges with the audience will be supported by a round table.

2. Discussion on the three topics supported by questions on the challenges of creating synergies (15 minutes for each topic)

3. Summaries and elaboration of win-win solutions (45 minutes, focus on articulating the three topics together, moderation CONAF and FOEN)

The workshop will be open to everybody. Some participants will be personally invited:

- National focal points for CBD, UNFF, UNFCCC and IPBES
- Chilean Ministry of finance, Chilean Ministry of environment, Chilean Ministry of economy, Chilean Ministry of foreign affairs
- NGOs: IUCN, Verra, World Bank Chile, local communities, forest owners
- Private sector

If they cannot participate, we would welcome video inputs from their side.

Acceptance of voluntary contributions

No, I only want to include abstracts from my own invited speakers.

Relation to ESP Working Groups or National Networks

Sectoral Working Groups: [SWG 3 – ES in Forestry production](#)