



Initiative  
20x20

# 2018 Annual Meeting of Partners of 20x20 Initiative

26-27 April 2018, in Lima, Peru.

Initiative 20x20 partners will gather in Lima, Peru on April 26 and 27 to discuss the initiative's progress on changing the dynamics of land degradation in Latin America and the Caribbean, and hold strategic discussions on the way forward.

This multi-stakeholder event will convene representatives from governments, the private sector, the civil society and the scientific community working on restoration in the region. The meeting is intended to enable dialogue and inspire action and partnerships to more effectively plan and implement landscape restoration.

Initiative 20x20 is a country-led effort to bring 20 million hectares of land in Latin America and the Caribbean into restoration by 2020. The initiative - launched formally at COP 20 in Lima - will support the Bonn Challenge, a global commitment to restore 150 million hectares of land around the world by 2020 and the New York Declaration on Forests that seeks to restore 350 million hectares by 2030. WRI, in association with CATIE, CIAT, and IUCN, supports Initiative 20x20 through our Global Restoration Initiative.

## Three Activities of Initiative 20x20

- Inspire national commitments to restoration by engaging in a robust dialogue with Ministers of Agriculture and Environment in the region.
- Make the economic case by assessing the societal benefits from restoration and avoided deforestation.
- Establish a financial mechanism that allows private sector impact investors to fund restoration projects.

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# International scientific conference: “African forest-related policies and politics”

24-27 September 2018 in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

The University of Göttingen in Germany and the University of Dschang in Cameroon announce the first IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organisations) social sciences conference on “African forest-related policy and politics” (AFORPOLIS 1). This international and inter-disciplinary scientific conference aims to advance cutting edge knowledge on the emergence and evolution of African forest-related policy and politics. The conference will take place in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 24 to 27 September 2018, with the support of the Commission of Central African Forests (COMIFAC).

The African forest is paradoxical in relation to the tropical forest regions. When the rate of forest degradation due to wood-fuel demand and slash-and-burn small farming rises, the level of deforestation falls below that of South Asia and Latin America. In other words, the utilisation of African forestland resources occurs faster in regions covered by dry and accessible forests while the majority of the rainforests in the Congo basin remains broadly intact. Up to now, African forests from the North Africa Mediterranean region to the southern, eastern, western and central African regions face growing pressure due to forestland conversion, biodiversity loss, livelihood issues, demographic growth, wildfires, above- and underground resources exploitation.

We would like to invite researchers from theoretical and empirical social sciences that include development studies, political science, geography, anthropology, sociology, and economics, i.e. disciplines that employ qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods to analyse the governance of African forest-related issues. Research focusing on the technology-forest policy nexus as well as gender dimensions will also be appreciated. We are looking for proposals whose originality contributes to elucidating the formal and informal realities of African forest governance and related issues. Authors are encouraged to bring out analytical research issues and strong hypotheses that support their proposed abstracts and manuscripts.

## Conference themes

Proposals for oral presentations, sessions and posters should explicitly refer to at least one of the ten following selected conference sub-themes: 1) Nature conservation policies; 2) Forest and climate change; 3) Political economy of deforestation; 4) Forestlands and agricultural commodities; 5) Biodiversity and market-based instruments; 6) Transnational and decentralised forest governance; 7) Development, social equity and sustainability; 8) Forest concessions; 9) Ecotourism and forest recreation; 10) livelihoods and Non-timber forest products.

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IUFRO 2018 Posadas

"Adaptive Management for Forested Landscapes in Transformation"



# Adaptive Management for Forested Landscapes in Transformation

1-5 October 2018, Posadas, Argentina.

This conference will highlight the accelerated changes imprint in our planet within this era of the Anthropocene. Transformation of forest use that is occurring in response to the pressures of globalization, population growth, resource scarcity and ecological degradation are part of the BIG challenges ahead. Biodiversity is essential to human well-being, but people have been reducing biodiversity throughout human history. Loss of species and degradation of ecosystems are likely to further accelerate in the coming years. Nonetheless, global goals to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss have mostly not been achieved. It is essential to take into account ecological, economic and functional values of the landscape to improve planning and decision-making. Operational solutions are needed to reconciling biodiversity conservation in the light of increasing demands of natural resources and land. Within the framework this Conference will focus on key topics to assess problems but also to find solutions for a better future in forested landscapes.

## Conference Topics

1. Human-nature relationships to support sustainable forested landscapes.
2. Tools, Methods and Approaches oriented towards solutions.
3. Global change, vulnerability and adaptive management of forested landscapes - How to manage biodiversity threats?
4. Socio-ecological approaches integrating ecosystem services and forest management.

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Posadas, Misiones, Argentina

October 1-5, 2018



# Managing Eucalyptus plantations under global changes

17-21 September 2018, Le Corum, Montpellier, France.

Eucalypt plantations cover approximately 20 million hectares worldwide and are expanding rapidly to provide the raw material for wood, paper, and biofuel products as well as large amounts of firewood and charcoal for domestic uses. Breeding programs and silvicultural practices must be revisited to face the ongoing global changes. Drought periods are predicted to increase in many regions as well as the cost of fertilizers (due to the scarcity of phosphorus and potassium world resources, and the cost of fossil energy needed to produce N fertilizers). Moreover, the development of pests and diseases should be a major threat in the future. Replacing large areas of pastures and crops by highly productive eucalypt plantations is likely to modify the carbon, water and nutrient cycles in tropical and subtropical landscapes, with ecological, economic and social consequences.

As in previous IUFRO meetings (Bordeaux 1990, Hobart 1995, Salvador 1997, Valdivia 2001, Aveiro 2004, Durban 2007, Porto Seguro 2011, Nanning 2015), this conference will be a great opportunity for scientists and managers of forest plantations to present the recent advances in silviculture and genetics and to improve our understanding of the response of eucalypts to biotic and abiotic stresses. The ecosystem services influenced by eucalypt monocultures and mixed-species plantations with eucalypt trees will be addressed.

The conference will be organized in plenary sessions to promote interdisciplinary discussions between forest managers and researchers specialized in tree breeding, silviculture, forest pathology, as well as environmental and social issues. A pre-conference tour in southern France is in preparation to present the state of the art of the silviculture and breeding in European eucalypt plantations.

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