

# FOREST LANDSCAPES: SOLUTIONS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

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**13:30-16:30**

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Hosted by:

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Forests and forest landscapes, particularly in tropical areas, are important in regulating global carbon budgets and moderating climate change but they are still being degraded and destroyed at a significant rate. These same forests provide many other essential non-carbon benefits such as biodiversity, provision of food/energy/materials, medicines, disease mitigation, water quality and flood control.

By 2030 restoration and sustainable management of forest landscapes could also make better use of biodiversity, to maintain or increase their capacity to absorb and store carbon despite new climate extremes, while responding to the needs of local and global society.

The EC funded project on the “Role of Biodiversity in Climate Change Mitigation” (ROBIN) has produced new insights and evidence concerning the carbon and non-carbon benefits provided by tropical forest landscapes in Latin America.

This conference aims, through a science-policy-society dialogue, to help develop a coherent set of actions across sectors and levels of government to address climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity loss and the maintenance of sustainable tropical forest landscapes.



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<b>13:00-13:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION – EX-INFO-POINT</b>
13.30 – 13.40	Welcome addresses by <b>Catherine Bearder MEP</b>
13.40 – 13.50	Opening address by <b>Kurt Vandenberghe</b> , Director “Climate Action and Resource Efficiency”, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
13.50 – 14.05	Research context and key messages from ROBIN project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Terry Parr</b>, Centre for Ecology &amp; Hydrology, UK, Project Coordinator:</li> <li>• <b>Martin Herold</b>, Wageningen University (WU), Netherlands</li> </ul>
14.05 – 14.35	Policy contexts – remarks and debate with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Birgit De Boissezon</b>, Head of Unit “Sustainable Management of Natural Resources”, DG Research &amp; Innovation, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Stefan Leiner</b>, Head of Biodiversity Unit, Acting Director “Natural Capital”, DG Environment, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Peter Wehrheim</b>, Head of Unit “Climate Finance and Deforestation”, DG Climate Action, European Commission</li> </ul>
14.35 – 15.00	Questions and discussion with the audience
15.00 – 15.30	Evidence, options and solutions: short presentations from ROBIN scientists covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the role of nature in mitigating and adapting to climate change;</li> <li>○ understanding and managing trade-offs between biodiversity, climate change mitigation and other non-carbon benefits to promote human well-being; and</li> <li>○ management and policy perspectives: nature based solutions for mitigating and adapting to climate change.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marielos Peña-Claros</b>, WU, Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Margareth Simoes</b>, EMBRAPA, Brazil</li> <li>• <b>Leon Braat</b>, Alterra, Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Miguel Equihua</b>, INECOL, Mexico</li> </ul>
15.30 – 15.40	<b>Stakeholders’ perspectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maximiliano Arienzo</b>, Brazilian Mission to the EU</li> <li>• <b>Jean-Philippe Palasi</b>, Senior Director for European policy, Conservation International</li> </ul>
15.40 – 16.20	Questions and discussion with the audience
16.20 – 16.30	Concluding remarks by <b>Catherine Bearder MEP</b>