



Forum Forest and Biodiversity

Lead : Climate Alliance



Climate Alliance

Title : Forests for people

Pitch : Forest conservation is crucial to climate change mitigation. But do we have any idea how to do it?

The Inclusion of REDD+ in Paris climate agreement has been heralded as major step forward on deforestation. However the REDD system still faces challenges like leakages within a country and between countries or indigenous rights. At the same time putting national governments in charge of forest conservation and the potential profits from carbon offsets, REDD exacerbates an already extreme imbalance of power between central authorities and local indigenous groups.

Especially the following topics will be discussed :

- Hold a progress meeting on the governance of the coalition itself to enable its consolidation: actors, missing players, roles, potential difficulties, etc.
- An analysis of the outcomes of the Paris agreement and their implication for the Forests and the people living in and from it (e.g. the indigenous peoples)
- Update on the current processes related to forests and good examples (based on the presentations from the Lyon Summit)
- Elaborate (also based on the documents from last year) joint proposal for recommendations for the Habitat and COP process (considering the SDGs and CBD process as well).



Program

13:30	Bruno Rebelle / Transitions Introduction and objective of the forum	
13:40	Setting the scene Alain Karsenty / CIRAD Despite a growing mobilization deforestation goes on! What can we expect from the Paris Agreement? Are the tools in place, including REDD +, the right ones?	
14:00	Thomas Brose / Climate Alliance Progress made with the Paris Agreement. Overview of stakeholder mobilization since Lyon/WSCT	
14:15	Sylvana Opoya / Wayana people from Guyana with Nicolas Pradal and David Crochet / Chercheurs d'Autres. Lugi Kunen Sakaliou / Mentawai people from Indonesia with Tahnee Juguin / Chercheurs d'Autres. Corinne Arnould / Parole de Nature representing Kichwa people from Sarayaku - Ecuador. Living Forest & Indigenous Peoples: effective and sustainable solutions in the heart of robust and inclusive territories.	
14:35	Julie Lemieux / Québec City, Canada. What a large city can do to promote trees and forest protection?	
14:50	Open debate: What kind of stakeholder mobilization do we need to further advance the zero-deforestation agenda?	
15:15	Can we (all the stakeholder participating in the debate) engaged in building a robust coalition of non-party stakeholders?	
15:30	Closure	