



Fifth global dialogue and investment-focused event under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme

Megapolis Convention Centre, Panama City, Panama

19-20 May 2025

(All times are in local time)

Day 1 – 19 May 2025

Time	Session
08:00 – 8:30 Registration Desk	Registration for the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme
<u>Opening</u>	
08:30 – 09:00 Meeting Room 1	Welcome remarks Introduction to the fifth global dialogue by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Elchin Allahverdiyev, COP 29 Presidency• Ambassador Liliam Beatris Chagas de Moura, Incoming COP 30 Presidency
<u>Scene-setting Session</u>	
09:00 – 10:45 Meeting Room 1	Area of discussion 1: Best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement Scene-setting presentations State of global forests <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jose Carlos Fernandez Ugalde, Senior Expert on REDD+ Policy and Economics, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Overview of best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Fabiola Ramirez Hernandez, General Coordinator of Climate Change Mitigation, National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (<i>virtual</i>) Panel Discussion followed by Q&A session



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	<p><i>This panel discussion will consider aspects related to best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the forest sector, including, inter alia, the conservation and enhancement of forest carbon stocks globally through efforts to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation by addressing underlying drivers of forest loss; implementation of sustainable agroforestry approaches and practices; the promotion and utilization of sustainable forest products. Additional aspects considered will include identification and maximization of synergies between forest-related climate action, biodiversity conservation, and efforts to combat desertification. The cross-cutting role of data and technology in supporting forest mitigation efforts, including through national forest monitoring systems, measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) will be considered in the discussion as well.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Mark Moroge, Vice President, Forests, Environmental Defense Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ane Alencar, Science Director at the Amazon Environmental Research Institute - IPAM • Ms. Valérie Merckx, Head of Unit, International Partnerships Facility, European Forest Institute (<i>virtual</i>) • Mr. Pablo Pacheco, Global Forest Lead Scientist, Global Science, WWF (<i>virtual</i>) • Dr. Muralee Thummarukudy, Director, G20 Global Initiative on Land (<i>virtual</i>) • Mr. Jose Carlos Fernandez Ugalde, Senior Expert on REDD+ Policy and Economics, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:45 Meeting Room 1	<p>Area of discussion 2: Approaches to enable means of implementation for actions and solutions in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement</p> <p>Scene-setting presentations</p> <p>Overview of approaches to enable means of implementation for actions and solutions in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Joana Chiavari, Research Director, Climate Policy Initiative, Brazil (<i>virtual</i>) <p>Fostering a shared understanding of Indigenous Peoples and local communities' stewardship of forests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Juan Carlos Jintiach, Executive Secretary, The Global Alliance of Territorial Communities (GATC) <p>Panel Discussion followed by Q&A session</p>



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	<p><i>This panel discussion will consider a range of approaches to enable means of implementation in the forest sector, with a view to advancing the solutions and actions discussed in the preceding segment. Discussions will address, inter alia, financing options—both public and private—including market-based and non-market-based mechanisms; facilitating policy frameworks to foster enabling environments to enhance access, such as institutional capacity-building, policy incentives, and public fiscal risk management measures that can catalyze private sector engagement. The role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities' forest stewardship in weaving cultural dimensions into means of implementation frameworks will also be considered. Technology development and transfer and capacity-building will serve as cross-cutting aspects across all thematic areas of discussion in this panel.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Erwin De Nys, Environment Manager of the Latin America and Caribbean Region for the World Bank, Washington DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Roselyn Fosuah Adjei, Director, Climate Change Directorate, Forestry Commission of Ghana (<i>virtual</i>)• Ms. Grace Balawag, FWG member representing UN Indigenous sociocultural region: Asia• Dr. Hishmi Jamil Husain, Lead Strategy Market & Analyst, Saudi ARAMCO (<i>virtual</i>)• Ms. Beria Leimona, Theme Leader – Climate Change, Energy, and Low Carbon Development CIFOR-ICRAF (<i>virtual</i>)• Ms. Camila Rodriguez, Leader of Nature based Solutions for Mitigation, TNC Colombia	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
<u>Best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement - Breakout Sessions</u>		
<p><i>The breakout sessions will build upon the themes and issues highlighted during the scene-setting presentations and panel discussion on best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the forest sector. Participants will engage in sharing best practices and solutions with a view to exploring key aspects for mitigation action in the forest sector.</i></p> <p><i>The breakout sessions will be organized in two consecutive rounds, with two groups convening in parallel during each round. Participants will have the opportunity to select the group they wish to join in each round. Each breakout group will focus on a distinct thematic area, drawn from the preceding scene-setting presentations and panel discussions.</i></p>		
14:10 – 15:25	<p><i>Breakout Group 1</i></p> <p>Efforts to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation by addressing underlying drivers of forest loss</p> <p>Guiding question: <i>What are the best practices and actionable solutions in your country or region addressing the underlying drivers of forest loss?</i></p>	<p><i>Breakout Group 2</i></p> <p>Sustainable management of forests, including implementation of sustainable agroforestry approaches and utilization of sustainable forest products</p> <p>Guiding question: <i>What are the best practices and actionable solutions in your country or region for the sustainable management of forests?</i></p>
15:25 – 15:40	Break to switch rooms	



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15:40 – 16:55	<p><i>Breakout Group 3</i></p> <p>Enhancing forest carbon, including through afforestation/reforestation and restoration</p> <p>Guiding question: <i>What are the best practices and actionable solutions in your country or region driving afforestation/reforestation and forest restoration?</i></p>	<p><i>Breakout Group 4</i></p> <p>Benefits of synergies between forest-related climate action, biodiversity conservation, and efforts to combat desertification</p> <p>Guiding question: <i>What are best practices and actionable solutions in your country or region related to forests that have successfully delivered multiple benefits for climate, biodiversity, and efforts to combat desertification?</i></p>
16:55 – 17:10	Break	
<u>Closing Session</u>		
17:10 – 18:00 Meeting Room 1	<p><i>Moderated by co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report back from breakout groups• Closing of Day 1 by the co-chairs	

Day 2 – 20 May 2025

Time	Session
09:00 – 10:00 Meeting Room 1	Welcome and report back by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme
<p><u>Approaches to enable means of implementation for actions and solutions in the forest sector, particularly to implement Article 5 of the Paris Agreement - Breakout sessions</u></p>	
<p><i>The breakout sessions will build upon the themes and issues highlighted during the scene-setting presentations and panel discussion on approaches to enable means of implementation for actions and solutions in the forest sector. In the breakout sessions, participants will engage in sharing approaches to enabling means of implementation with a view to advancing actions and solutions in the forest sector.</i></p> <p><i>The breakout sessions will be organized in two consecutive rounds, with two groups convening in parallel during each round. Participants will have the opportunity to select the group they wish to join in each round. Each breakout group will focus on a distinct thematic area, drawn from the preceding scene-setting presentations and panel discussions.</i></p>	



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10:00 – 11:00	<p><i>Breakout Group 1</i> Meeting Room 1</p> <p>Expanding Access to Forest Finance: Public and Private Options, including market and non-market approaches</p> <p>Guiding questions: <i>What financing models or approaches have effectively supported forest-sector implementation in your context?</i></p> <p><i>What challenges exist in accessing public and private finance for climate action in the forest sector?</i></p>	<p><i>Breakout Group 2</i> Meeting Room 2</p> <p>Enabling Policy Environments for Implementation</p> <p>Guiding question: <i>What policy or regulatory approaches have been helpful in your country or region to create enabling environments for forest-sector investment and action?</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15	Break to switch rooms	
11:15 – 12:15	<p><i>Breakout Group 3</i> Meeting Room 1</p> <p>Role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities' forest stewardship</p> <p>Guiding questions: <i>From your experience, how can implementation frameworks reflect and incorporate diverse cultural values and knowledge systems into the collective stewardship of forests?</i></p>	<p><i>Breakout Group 4</i> Meeting Room 2</p> <p>Data, technology, or capacity-building efforts to unlock mitigation potential</p> <p>Guiding question: <i>From your experience, what role have data, technology, or capacity-building efforts played—and what role can they play—in unlocking mitigation potential in the forest sector?</i></p>
12:15 – 12:30	Break	
12:30 – 13:30 Meeting Room 1	Report back from Breakout groups	
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break	

Fifth investment-focused event

Meeting Room 1

Time	Session
<u>Opening</u>	
14:30 – 14:35	Introduction to the fifth investment-focused event by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme
<u>Scene-setting Session</u>	
14:35 – 15:00	<p>Scene-setting presentation</p> <p>Unlocking investment for mitigation action in forest sector</p>



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	<p><i>This presentation will provide an institutional perspective within the investment ecosystem for mitigation action in the forest sector, highlighting the roles and mandates for institutions operating within this ecosystem, and outlining relevant processes and priorities for mobilizing and accessing investment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cayetano Casado, Subregional Head for Latin America, Department of Latin America and the Caribbean, GCF Secretariat
<u>Case-study exchange</u>	
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Regional case studies and perspectives followed by Q&A sessions</p> <p><i>This session will showcase practical examples of mitigation actions in the forest sector being implemented through collaborative efforts between financial institutions and countries. Each case study will be jointly presented by representatives of financial institutions and their country partners, offering diverse regional perspectives. The presentations will illustrate innovative investment approaches, enabling policy frameworks, and key lessons learned in advancing mitigation action in the forest sector, particularly in the context of implementing Article 5 of the Paris Agreement.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Joko Tri Haryanto, CEO of Indonesia Environment Fund (IEF) (virtual) and Ms. Clea Paz-Rivera, Global Advisor-Climate and Forests, United Nations Development Programme • Mr. Itchell Guiney, Deputy Director, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa and Dr. Mandy Barnett, Chief, Director: Adaptation Policy and Resourcing, SANBI • Mr. Joan Frederick Baudet Ferreira França, Climate Finance Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil and Ms. Fernanda Garavini, Head of the Amazon Fund Department, Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) • Ms. Giovanna Valverde-Stark, Minister Counselor, Special Climate Change Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica and Mr. Erwin De Nys, Environment Manager of the Latin America and Caribbean Region for the World Bank, Washington DC • Ms. Mia Ryan, Assistant Director and UNFCCC mitigation lead, Multilateral Negotiations and Strategy Section, Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australia • Mr. Toshimasa Masuyama, Team lead, Forest and Climate, Forestry Agency, Japan
16:00 – 16:15	Break
16:15 – 17:15	Regional case studies and perspectives followed by Q&A sessions (continued)
17:30 – 18:00	<p>Summary and reflections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme