



UNFCCC COP23 | Event Invitation

Forest climate change solutions for governments and the private sector

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and WWF invite you to join us for “Forest Climate Change Solutions for Governments and the Private Sector” on Tuesday, November 14th in Bonn, Germany as part of the UNFCCC COP23

Date: 14 November 2017

Time: 15.00-18.00 – Event and cocktail reception

Location: FSC International Office | Charles de Gaulle Straße 5, 53113 Bonn (2 min walking from the Bula Zone) –

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Deforestation and forest degradation are responsible for 15% of greenhouse gas emissions – as much as the global transportation sector. Degraded forests could change from carbon sinks to carbon sources, accelerating runaway climate change when not properly managed or restored. But degradation is not the end of the road!

FSC, TNC and WWF research collectively shows that certified and selectively logged tropical forests retain the majority of their biodiversity and carbon stocks, providing conservation benefits as well as jobs, rents to governments and other forest owners, and global commodities.

Join us for an evening of drinks and discussion on making timber concessions work for the economy and the environment!

This event will feature:

- Highlights of joint application of FSC standards, a new carbon standard for reduced-impact logging (RIL-C), and climate benefits of avoided forest loss – a suite of options we’re calling “Climate Smart Forestry”;
- The introduction of a new FSC procedure for verifying ecosystem services impacts of certification;
- Ties between private sector actors, governments, NGOs and communities in advancing climate mitigation through the forestry sector;
- A dynamic discussion from a panel of speakers including government representatives from Indonesia, Suriname, and Gabon, the World Bank and a forest community in Mexico, who will reflect on the value of FSC and RIL-C as climate mitigation tools.

We will be hosting a cocktail reception following the panel beginning at 17:00.

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