



Title	Restoring Our Forests and Landscapes-The Pacific experiences	
Organizer	Pacific Community (SPC) in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Conservation International (CI) and Food and agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)	
Type of event	Plenary	
Venue	Room 116	
Date/Time	Wednesday, 19 June; 11:00-12:30	
Event description		
<p>Landscapes with forest and trees are vital resources contributing to the social, economic and sustainable development of the peoples of the Pacific. However, over a number of decades, unsustainable logging and agriculture practices has taken place in a number of Pacific Island Countries (PIC). In many cases, forests have been re-logged and landscapes disturbed before they have had the chances to recover. These degraded forests and landscapes are unable to provide either the full range of goods such as timber or non-timber forest products, nor are they able to generate adequate ecological services such as watershed protection or biodiversity conservation and mitigate climate change.</p> <p>Pacific Island countries and communities have learned from these experiences and have decided to rehabilitate and restore some of their forest and landscapes. Some countries have reviewed their regulatory frameworks and mainstreamed sustainable forest and landscape management into their systems. The enhancement of regulatory frameworks, development of community-based land use plans, improving silvicultural interventions and implementing best agriculture and forestry practises are some of the initiatives that have already taken place in many PICs to safeguard their ecosystem and food production systems.</p> <p>SPC has committed itself to support development of a new integrated programme - Healthy ecosystems - to enhance restoration of Pacific forests and landscapes. The programme is investing in multi- sectors integration and promote knowledge sharing/education to ensure that foresters, policy makers, and local communities are working collaboratively to halt forests and landscapes degradation and conserving healthy forest ecosystems for the next generations. Moreover, SPC and GIZ, in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat/Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative, Conservation International and the FAO help our members to come together around a common vision for forest ecosystem and landscape restoration.</p> <p>This event will be an opportunity for the sub-region to present the following key messages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opportunities for healthy ecosystems, biodiversity, climate and sustainable development benefits from forest restoration; 2. Technical and capacity-building gaps to improve the design of forest restoration actions; 3. Sub-regional ambition for a declaration on forest landscape restoration in the Pacific <p>The event aims to share experiences on forest and landscape rehabilitation and restoration; stimulate discussions on lessons learned and experiences from within and outside the Pacific region; and stimulate learning and networking.</p>		
Time	Speaker / Panelist	Theme
11.00-11.05	Moderator-Mr Daniel Plugge, Project Manager, SPC-GIZ REDD+ Project	Opening by the event Moderator
11.05-11.20	Ms Iwona Piechowiak, Programme Leader-Sustainable Forests and Landscapes, SPC and Mr Shono, Kenichi, Forestry Officer, FAO	Setting the scene: Forest and Landscape rehabilitation and restoration



11.20-11.25	Mr Jalesi Mateboto, Natural Resource Management Adviser, SPC	Experiences from the Pacific: Pacific Community
11.25- 11.30	Ms Susana Tuisese, Country Director Fiji Program Asia Pacific Field Division, Conservation International	Experiences from the Pacific: Conservation International
11.30-11:35	Mr Viliame Rokovu, Ministry of Forestry, Fiji	Experiences from the Pacific: Fiji
11.35-11:40	Mr Rabbie Lalo, Forestry Authority-PNG	Experiences from the Pacific- PNG
11.40-11:45	Mr Samuel Vazu, Ministry of Forestry, Solomon Islands	Experiences from the Pacific: Solomon Islands
12.20-12-30	Moderated Plenary Discussions with all speakers	