

<b>Title</b>	Opening Plenary - Innovating Governance and Institutions	
<b>Organizer</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), and The Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia	
<b>Type of event</b>	Plenary	
<b>Venue</b>	Room 206-207	
<b>Date/Time</b>	Tuesday, June 18; 13:30-15:00	
<b>Event description</b>		
<p>The important contribution of forests to resilient production systems, communities and ecosystems is being increasingly recognized at global and national level, including in the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda and in countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) at the heart of the Paris Agreement of 2015. Such a development has significant implications for global forest governance and forestry institutions. In recent years, the centrality of forests in the portfolio of actions countries can take to mitigate climate change has already begun shifting the traditional approach of governments to forest resources, as well as the role of forestry departments. Forest governance is not static, requiring adaptation to external influences beyond the control of forestry. To unfold this and discuss and debate the direction leading towards the future of forest governance, the opening plenary aims to debate governance issues with a diverse panel of speakers from different stakeholder groups for example governments, development agencies and CSOs. The plenary will open with two key note speakers on good forest governance followed by speakers representing different institutions and groups.</p>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Speaker / Panelist</b>	<b>Theme</b>
13:30-13:35	Afsa Kemitale - Rothschild, Senior Programme Officer, UNFF	Welcome Remarks
13:35-13:45	Siti Nurbaya Bakar The Minister of the Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia	Key note address on Good forest governance
13:50-13:55	Emma Hatcher, Director, International Forest Policy, Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	Future of forest governance
13.55-14:00	Yurdi Yasmi, Forest Policy Officer, FAO	Future of forest governance
14:00-14.05	Jilian Princess Bathan, Asia-Pacific Regional Representative, International Forestry Student's Association	Future of forest governance
14:05-14.10	Vong Sok, Assistant Director and Head of the Environment Division, ASEAN Secretariat	Future of forest governance
14:10-14:15	David Gritten, Senior Program Officer, RECOFTC	Future of forest governance
14:15-14:50	Stephanie Lee, Forest Policy Consultant, FAO	Q&A Moderator
14:50-15:00	Barbara Tavora Jainchill, Forest Affairs Officer, UNFF	Thanks and closing remarks