



GFOI Plenary 2023

Agenda

Tuesday 9 May 2023

On Day 1 we will hear from countries who are already operating National Forest Monitoring Systems (NFMS) and associated emissions Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) procedures and discussing how these can serve as practical examples for other countries to learn from and draw inspiration. We will also be getting an update on the work of GFOI's four components and how the international community is supporting countries to implement these systems. GFOI's four components are (i) capacity building, (ii) data, (iii) methods and guidance and (iv) R&D.

Session	Time	Overview	Who	Room
Arrival and seating	8:00–9:00	Participants are requested to arrive and be seated ready for a 9am start	All participants.	Green Room (A 122 int)
Opening remarks and introductions	9:00–10:00	Welcome Remarks from FAO hosts as well as the US Government as a leading GFOI partner. <i>Followed by group photo.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General, FAO• Angela Coleman, Associate Chief, USFS	Green Room (A 122 int)
Presentation: <i>The role of forest information in addressing climate change.</i>	10:00-10:30	Scene setting presentation on the important role that information on forests must play in an effective response to climate change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maria Jose Sanz Sanchez, Chair of GFOI's MGD Advisory Group and the Scientific Director at the Basque Centre for Climate Change.	Green Room (A 122 int)
Morning Coffee Break	10:30-11:00	<i>Morning coffee break.</i>		
GFOI and its components	11:00–12:00	Overview presentations on GFOI and its four components, followed by Q&A with the audience.	Moderator: Tom Harvey <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jennifer Smith & Inge Jonckheere, Capacity Building Component	Green Room (A 122 int)

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Lunch	12:00–13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		<i>FAO cafeteria</i>
Country Sessions: Operational Systems	13:30–15:00	Presentations from countries who are operating NFMS for multiple different information and reporting needs.	Facilitator: Sylvia Wilson and Paul Berkowitz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustavo Galindo, Colombia • Claudio Almeida, Brazil • Belinda Margono, Indonesia • Faith Mutwiri, Kenya 	Green Room (A 122 int)
Afternoon Coffee Break	15:00–15:30	<i>Afternoon coffee break.</i>		
Side-events: Session 1 Parallel events hosted by GFOI partners	15:30–17:00	Four side-events hosted in parallel by partner organizations.	<i>See separate schedule of side events.</i>	1. Green Room (A122) 2. Iran room (B116) 3. Sheikh Zayed Centre (Atrium) 4. Austria Room (C250)
Afternoon drinks, ice cream and exhibition booths.	17:00-18:00	Opportunity to tour the exhibition space, network, socialize and refresh with drinks and ice cream.	All participants	Atrium
Dinner reception on the rooftop	18:00 onwards	All participants invited.		Aventino Room

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On Day 2 we will be discussing the role of forest information in supporting the implementation of REDD+ activities and the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Session	Time	Overview	Who	Room
Arrival and seating	8:30-9:00	Participants are requested to arrive and be seated ready for a 9am start	All participants.	Green Room (A 122 int)
Presentations and panel discussions: REDD+	9:00-10:30	Presentations and discussions on MRV for different REDD+ forums and standards.	Facilitator: Maria Jose Sanz Sanchez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marieke Sandker, FAO • Muri Soares, Mozambique • German Obando-Vargas, Costa Rica • Naikoa Aguilar Amuchastegui, World Bank • Ben Singer, GCF Secretariat • TBC, Emergent • Basanta Gautam, Verra. 	Green Room (A 122 int)
Morning Coffee Break	10:30–11:00	<i>Morning coffee break</i>		
Presentations and panel discussions: Enhanced Transparency Framework	11:00–12:30	Presentations and discussions on the role of forest monitoring in the ETF and ultimately increasing ambition in NDCs.	Facilitator, presenter: Rocio Condor, FAO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenset Rosales, Guatemala • Bob Kazungu, Uganda • Jenny Wong, UNFCCC Secretariat 	Green Room (A 122 int)
Lunch	12:30–14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>		<i>FAO cafeteria</i>

Launch of the GFOI Family of Resources	14:00–15:00	Launch of the GFOI Family of Resources (GFoR).	Facilitator: Ellie Peneva-Reed (TBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carly Green, GFOI Content Manager • Michael Green, GFOI platform administrator • Gustavo Galindo, Colombia • Muri Soares, Mozambique 	Green Room (A 122 int)
Afternoon Coffee Break	15:00–15:30	<i>Afternoon coffee break</i>		
Side-events: Session 2 Parallel events organized by GFOI Partners	15:30–17:00	Four side-events hosted in parallel by partner organizations.	<i>See separate schedule of side events.</i>	1. Green Room (A122) 2. Iran room (B116) 3 Sheikh Zayed Centre (Atrium) 4. Austria Room (C250)
Afternoon drinks, ice cream and exhibition booths.	17:00–18:00	<i>Opportunity to tour the exhibition space, network, socialize and refresh with drinks and ice cream.</i>	<i>All participants</i>	<i>Atrium</i>
Unofficial field trip: City Tour	18:00–19:30	<i>Optional self-funded city tour of nearby sites</i>		

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On Day 3 we will be discussing two new topics under GFOI, but these are probably already familiar to many partners and participants in Blue Carbon and Ecosystem Restoration. We will focus on the important role they play in addressing climate change and the opportunities for greater alignment of monitoring capabilities for these activities under the GFOI umbrella.

Session	Time	Overview	Who	Room
Arrival and seating	8:30-9:00			Green Room (A 122 int)
Presentations and panel discussions: Blue Carbon	9:00-10:30	Presentations and discussions on monitoring emissions and removals from the Blue Carbon sector.	Facilitator: Nikki Fitzgerald, Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carly Green, GFOI Content Manager• Haruni Krisnawati, Indonesia Country B• Maria Nuutinen, FAO• Rich MacKenzie, USFS• Daniel Murdiyarso CIFOR• Raphael Linzatti, Germany	Green Room (A 122 int)
Morning Coffee Break	10:30-11:00	<i>Morning coffee break.</i>		

<p>Presentations and panel discussions: Ecosystem Restoration</p>	<p>11:00–12:30</p>	<p>Presentations and discussions on monitoring for Ecosystem Restoration.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Khalil Walji, ICRAF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO: Julian Fox & Yelena Finegold • CBD Secretariat: Jamal Annagylyjova (TBC) • SER: George Gann • ICRAF: Mieke Bourne • RAMSAR: Jerker Tamelander • Kenya: Peter Nduati • Indonesia: Pak Askary 	<p>Green Room (A 122 int)</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	<p>12:30–14:00</p>	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>		<p><i>FAO cafeteria</i></p>
<p>Side-events: session 3 Parallel events organized by GFOI Partners</p>	<p>14:00–15:30</p>	<p>Four side-events hosted in parallel by partner organizations.</p>	<p><i>See separate schedule of side events.</i></p>	<p>1. Green Room (A122) 2. Iran room (B116) 3 Sheikh Zayed Centre (Atrium) 4. Austria Room (C250)</p>
<p>Afternoon Coffee Break</p>	<p>15:30–16:00</p>	<p><i>Afternoon coffee break.</i></p>		
<p>Final observations and closing New approaches and ideas</p>	<p>16:00–17:00</p>	<p>Summary presentation and open plenary discussion of key issues identified and next steps, followed by closing remarks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, GFOI Leads Group • GFOI Office 	<p>Green Room (A 122 int)</p>

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Plenary closed	18:00			