



FORESTS, FOOD AND ENERGY: WHY WOODFUEL MATTERS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

THE EVENT WILL BE IN **ENGLISH** AND **FRENCH**.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2017
18:00 – 19:30
RED ROOM (BLDG. A FLOOR 1)

Forests and trees contribute to the four dimensions of food security and nutrition (FSN) in multiple ways: They provide food, timber, medicine and energy. They create income and employment in rural areas. In most developing countries one of the biggest contributions of forests to FSN is the provision of energy to cook food and boil water: About one third of the world population relies on wood fuel for cooking and water sterilization. However, household air pollution remains to be the single most important environmental health risk worldwide; cooking with solid fuels, including woodfuel, is implicated in 4.3 million deaths each year (WHO 2016) and the unsustainable harvesting practices increasingly cause forest degradation. If managed sustainably, woodfuel can offer benefits as a renewable and affordable energy source, reduce pressure on natural forests, and restore the ecosystem functions needed for agricultural production.

The side event will present the relevance for and existing challenges and opportunities in the wood energy sector in relation to food security and nutrition illustrated by country examples in Africa. A panel of experts will discuss conditions and options for a sustainable production of wood fuel that can meet the demand for a reliable and affordable energy source while at the same time contributing to better health and improved food utilization.

SPEAKERS/PANELISTS

- **Eva Muller**
Director, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, FAO
- **Stefan Schmitz**
Head, Rural Development and Food Security Division, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ)
- **Maminiana Rabemanantsoa**
Division Chief, Forestry Department, Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Forests, Madagascar
- **Charles Leonard**
Project Coordinator, Transforming Tanzania's Charcoal Sector Project, Tanzania Forest Conservation Group
- **Teddy Kinyanjui**
Sustainability Director, Cookswell Jikos, Kenya

MODERATOR

Dominique Reeb

Social Forestry Team Leader, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, FAO

SIDE EVENT ORGANIZERS

- Forestry Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)
- Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany (BMZ)
- The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)



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