



UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF FORESTS AND TREES

PROTRACTED CRISES, FORCED
MIGRATION AND NUTRITION

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A CFS 44 SIDE EVENT JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY FAO AND UNHCR

We live in an increasingly mobile world, with unprecedented numbers of people moving within countries and across borders, often against their will. By the end of 2016, the number of forcibly displaced people worldwide reached over 65 million. Many of these displacements evolve into protracted crises with harsh living conditions that are seriously detrimental to human health and impede inhabitants from pursuing their usual livelihoods. Under-nourishment rates are also estimated as being almost three times higher than in other developing countries.

In such challenging circumstances, forests and trees play a significant but less recognized role in supporting displaced communities, including as a source of nutritious food, shelter, woodfuel for cooking and other income-earning opportunities. When sustainably managed, these natural resources provide a vital safety net and life-supporting assets that can improve the communities' quality of life and livelihoods, while also acting as buffers to help them withstand extreme weather conditions and other shocks.

Within this context, the side-event panellists will share their experiences and illustrate how, in the short term, forests and trees help displaced communities to increase their resilience, including by alleviating malnutrition, and when managed sustainably how they contribute to longer-term development goals.

BREAKFAST
WILL BE
OFFERED
FROM 8.15

FRIDAY
13 October 2017
8.30–10.00
Iraq Room, FAO
headquarters
Rome, Italy

Programme

8.30 - 8.40	Opening remarks Daniel Gustafson , <i>Deputy Director-General (Programmes), FAO</i> Hiroto Mitsugi , <i>Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO</i>
8.40 - 8.45	Screening of FAO video Sustainable forestry: a safety-net for Gambella refugees and host communities
8.45 - 9.35	Panel discussion Amare Gebre Egziabher , <i>Senior Environment Officer, UNHCR</i> Margaret Adata , <i>Commissioner of Forestry Sector Support Department, Ministry of Water and Environment of Uganda</i> Edmond Dounias , <i>Forest & food expert, Institut de recherche pour le développement</i> Mats Nordberg , <i>Team Leader, Forest Products and Statistics Team, FAO</i> Shukri Ahmed , <i>Deputy Strategic Programme 5 Leader, FAO, (Moderator)</i>
9.35 - 9.55	Audience discussion & wrap-up Shukri Ahmed , <i>Deputy Strategic Programme 5 Leader, FAO (Moderator)</i>
9.55 - 10.00	Closing remarks Eva Muller , <i>Director, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, FAO</i>

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