



Greening synergies: Innovative solutions to halt deforestation through sustainable agricultural supply chains and financial enablers

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Organizers: MAFF Japan, FAO, UN-REDD Programme

Format: hybrid (FAO headquarters, Austria room, Building C-Room 250, and online)

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Brief introduction

Join this World Forest Week (WFW9) side-event to explore a broad array of solutions aimed at achieving a sustainable balance between agricultural and forestry objectives and halt deforestation. Supply chain approach and financial innovations for amplifying ground-level efforts will notably be highlighted.

The event aligns with the Committee on Forestry (COFO) and the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) agenda item on “Linkages between agriculture and forestry,” presenting recent developments in conserving forest resources and related ecosystem services, achieving climate goals, and enhancing livelihood, including through the transformation of agrifood systems.

The event will introduce the “solution-tree” interactive online platform and call for collaboration from countries and partners for further identification of positive solutions to achieve sustainable commodities production while conserving and protecting forest ecosystems. Country

representatives will illustrate how the solution-tree tool and analytical framework could support the design of halting deforestation / REDD+ national strategies.

The event aims to:

- Foster a systemic approach: Thinking at a systemic level and building inter-sectorial solutions can lead to significant and more permanent results in reducing deforestation and enhancing livelihoods.
- Tackle context-specific needs: Dynamics in land use change are highly context-dependent and different approaches are needed for responding to this diversity – there is no one-size-fits-all solution, but it is possible to imagine tailored and bespoke responses from the many examples and solutions already identified.
- Enhance collaborative development: Invite participants to submit additional indirect drivers, measures, case studies, tools, and publications to enrich the “solution-tree” online platform collaboratively, fostering a participatory development process.
- Enhance understanding of public expenditure and policy coherence to broaden the scope of solutions on financial strategies to reduce deforestation and increase cross-sectoral synergies.

Background

The fundamental background for the event is the continued demand from countries for guidance on technical and governance dimensions on reducing forest loss, promoting sustainable livelihoods and economies; as well as the COFO (Committee on Forestry) & COAG joint call during their 2022 sessions to: “achieve better synergies between [agriculture and forestry] through inter-sectorial approaches, for more sustainable agrifood systems”.

To accelerate progress and showcase the range of existing solutions for reducing forest loss related to agricultural expansion, FAO – thanks to the support of the Government of Japan and in collaboration with partners including through the UN-REDD Programme - is developing a new analytical framework to link deforestation drivers and solutions using a “solution-tree” structure. The solution-tree platform is being built as an interactive online platform/gateway that aims to create a better understanding of the underlying factors driving agriculture-linked deforestation and to facilitate access to the existing solutions and practical tools that can address this trade-off.

The platform will include country examples to illustrate some of the highlighted solutions as well as cross-sectorial and multi-stakeholder approaches that are critical to real changes in the land use dynamics and food system transformation.

Crucial to the success of these efforts are the financial instruments that enable ground-level forest-positive actions that simultaneously enhance farmer productivity and conserve forests. The mobilization of sufficient financial resources is needed for more sustainable food systems. Improved cross-sectoral policy coherence, notably regarding public expenditure, holds paramount opportunities. A recent collaboration between FAO’s Forestry Division (NFO), the Agrifood Economic Division (ESA) and the Statistics divisions (ESS) has enabled the adaptation of MAFAP (Monitoring

and Analysing Food and Agricultural Policies) tools to analyze policy coherence through the lens of public expenditures.

Side event agenda, speakers, and format






Moderator: **Astrid Agostini**, Senior Adviser – Climate and Environment, FAO Investment Centre







Preliminary Agenda

Duration	Agenda item	Speakers
10 min	Moderator introductory / house-keeping words and high-level opening remarks	Tiina Vähänen , Deputy Director of the Forestry Division of the Natural Resources and Sustainable Production stream, FAO Kawashima Yutaka , Senior Policy Analyst for International Affairs, Forestry Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan
8 min	Innovative solutions and finance opportunities to halt deforestation and the solution-tree platform	Serena Fortuna , Senior Forestry Officer, Team Leader, FAO Halting Deforestation, Degradation, and Emissions team and Member of the UN-REDD Management Group
2 min	Use of the solution-tree in connection with REDD+/Halting deforestation in West Africa	Country representatives from Guinea and Sierra Leone (video message)
7 min	Forest and food contribution to FOLU Net Sink 2030 and connections to REDD+	Prof. Haruni Krisnawati , Senior/ Special Advisor to the Minister of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia
7 min	European Union’s efforts on halting deforestation	Antoine Haouchine , International Relations Officer at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment Simon Gmeiner , Policy Officer, Unit on Sustainable Agri-Food Systems and Fisheries, European Commission's Directorate General International Partnerships
7 min	Country actions on enhancing transparent and reactive information for agricultural supply chains	Oscar Gutiérrez , Director of Statistics and Agrarian Information, Ministry of Agrarian Development and Irrigation, Peru

8 min	Public Expenditure analysis framework and insights and experiences from Uganda	<p>Naoko Takahashi, Forestry Officer, FAO Halting Deforestation, degradation, and emissions team</p> <p>Bob Kazungu, Ag. Assistant Commissioner for Forestry, Assessment and Monitoring; Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda</p>
30 min	Panel discussion / Questions from the room Summary from the moderator	
3 min	Concluding remarks	Pascal Liu , Senior Economist, Markets and Trade Division (EST), FAO

Speaker's biography and pictures

	Astrid Agostini , Senior Adviser – Climate and Environment, FAO Investment Centre
	Kawashima Yutaka , Senior Policy Analyst for International Affairs, Forestry Agency, MAFF Japan
	Tiina Vähänen , Deputy Director of the Forestry Division of the Natural Resources and Sustainable Production stream, FAO
	Serena Fortuna , Team Leader- Senior Forestry Officer of the Halting Deforestation, Degradation, and Emissions Team, Forestry Division, FAO. And FAO member of the UN-REDD Management Group.
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