FTA digital session at GLF Climate 2021

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FORESTS, TREES AND AGROFORESTRY: FROM A DECADE OF RESEARCH TO A DECADE OF IMPACTS

Virtual event (Glasgow time, UTC)
FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER 10:30 TO 11:45
The CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry (FTA) is wrapping-up a decade of research 2011-2021, and looking for the future. This means both looking at new research and new knowledge needed, but also how to bring it to action on the ground. This also requires new partnerships. A push for action does not mean that the research period is over, but that research needs to be embedded into action.

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**Key questions that will be addressed in the session**

The session will focus on research for climate action, sustainable food systems and biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.

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It will (ii) then feature a panel discussion of stakeholders at national and international level, on the role they see for research to help them achieve their own objectives, and how they see in practice this role going forward in the 9 years up to 2030, putting findings for action at scale, in landscapes, to address climate, biodiversity and food systems challenge, and at the same time learning and increasing our knowledge.

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**The target audience**

All “action” stakeholders (private sector, public sectors, NGOs, national and international level) who wonder why and how they should engage with research in their commitments to action.
1. **Welcome speech** Vincent Gitz, FTA Director (1 minute)

2. **Introduction** Robert Nasi, CIFOR DG, CIFOR-ICRAF MD (4 minutes)

3. **Highlights of the FTA highlights** (35 minutes)

   **Moderation: Vincent Gitz**

   One scientist presenting one FTA Highlights chapter, pointing to solutions /innovations coming from research that are ready for upscaling in relation to the climate agenda, particularly highlighting the partnership angle for upscaling:

   - Ramni Jamnadass (Seed systems)
   - Eduardo Somarriba (Trees on Farm)
   - Chris Martius (REDD+)
   - Bas Louman (Value Chains and Finance)
   - Marlene Elias (Gender)
   - Manuel Guariguata (Restoration)

4. **Panel on priorities for the way forward, from research to action** (30 minutes)

   **Moderation: Peter Minang** (CIFOR-ICRAF, Africa Director)

   - Dr. Malanding Jaiteh, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources of The Gambia
   - Salvatore Pinizzotto, Secretary General, International Rubber Study Group (IRSG)
   - Li Yanxiao, International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR)
   - Dr. Erich Schaitza, Chefe Geral, Embrapa Florestas, Brazil
   - Prof. Benoît Dhelda’ Djailo, Rector, University of Kisangani, Democratic Republic of the Congo

5. **Closure** Vincent Gitz, FTA Director (5 minutes)