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HOW POLICY, SOCIOECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DRIVERS IMPACT FUTURE FOREST GOODS AND SERVICES IN EUROPE



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IUFRO-MONDI THINK TANK

15 - 16 JUNE 2023

HOST

The IUFRO-Mondi Partnership

PLACE & DATE

Vienna, Austria (details shared upon registration)
15 June 2023, 13:00 - 18:00, followed by dinner at 19:00
16 June 2023, 09:00 - 12:00

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

Pan-European region

PARTICIPANTS

Scientists with leading expertise on the topics, industry, government and forest owner representatives

Day 1 - Discussing the scientific and business implications

13:00 - 13:30 **Registration, coffee and tea**

13:30 - 14:00 **Opening and setting the scene**

The meeting will be opened with a welcome by the IUFRO-Mondi Partnership followed by an introduction of the meeting goals, procedure, and participants.

14:00 - 14:45 **Preliminary results of the IUFRO-Mondi study**

Scientific experts will present preliminary findings of the IUFRO-Mondi synthesis study on "The Future of Goods and Services from pan-European Forests". The findings will address three major aspects influencing the future wood supply and provision of forest goods and services including: Biological production of forests, new technologies and innovative approaches, policy related and socio-economic factors.

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14:45 - 15:15	Feedback round on scientific findings	Participants will have the opportunity to provide direct feedback on the scientific presentations.
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee and tea break	
15:45 - 16:15	The business perspective - securing future fibre supply	Business representatives will share most pressing challenges, current adaptation strategies and information needs based on their experiences and work.
16:15 - 16:30	Feedback round on Business perspective	Participants will have the opportunity to provide direct feedback on the business presentations.
16:30 - 17:30	Fusion of scientific findings and business perspective	Deep dive into the exchange between science and business regarding the future of forest goods and services in pan-European forests in the face of a changing world.
17:30 - 18:00	Preparing for day 2 - taking action	Participants will be informed about the next steps for driving and taking action on the second meeting day.
19:00	Dinner	

Day 2 - Putting learnings into practice: Driving change and taking action

08:30 - 09:00	Coffee and tea	
09:00 - 11:15	"Scenario Planning" World-Café	<p>Discussion rounds in small groups on future scenarios including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate response measures, key stakeholders, • drivers and barriers, • and potential next steps
	Coffee and tea break during the World Café	
11:15 - 12:00	The way forward	Reporting, discussion, prioritization and capturing key points in plenary to paint a clear picture of how science and business can address challenges and pave the way forward.

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GOALS

Building on previous Think Tank Meetings and Stakeholder Dialogues*,

- further identify, specify and capture appropriate response measures at various levels, including forest management, policy, industry and science, to address future and diverse demands on forests;
- identify opportunities for shaping drivers and barriers advancing or hindering the implementation of response measures; and
- propose next steps to address these drivers and barriers
- identify who can take these decisive steps;
- share insights of preliminary findings of IUFRO-Mondi synthesis study on the future of forest goods and services in Europe

* For further information, please have a look at our partnership website <https://teamingup4forests.com/> and read the summary documents of our past meetings at <https://teamingup4forests.com/resources/>

BACKGROUND

The IUFRO-Mondi Partnership is a science business platform that aims to better understand climate change impacts on forests and identify response measures in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

There is increased scientific and empirical evidence that forests in Europe are significantly impacted by climate change-induced disturbances with far-reaching consequences. Demands on forests, including wood, biodiversity, carbon and energy, have never been higher and more diverse.

In addition to climate change and biological production, factors related to changes in people's perception of forests, government policies and geo-political consideration, will have significant impact on the future of forests in Europe. Forest management, innovation and technology will further influence future pathways.

At this Think Tank Meeting a consortium of senior scientists will kick off the discussion by presenting preliminary findings of a comprehensive synthesis study on the future of goods and services from pan-European forests. The study addresses aspects and response options which will shape the future of wood supply in Central and Northern Europe. Business representatives will present pressing challenges, current adaptation strategies and information needs.

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