



Climate & Canopy: Amplifying Action for SDG 13 & 15 through Primary Forest Conservation

FRI 8 December

11:45 am – 12:45 pm

**SDG Pavilion, B7,
Bld. 88, Level 1 (2nd
floor)**

**Dubai, United Arab
Emirates**

This COP28 side event on primary forests will foster better understanding and awareness of the importance of enhancing the conservation of primary forests, and explore concrete next steps to be taken to champion primary forest conservation, seamlessly intertwining the objectives of SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 15 (Life on Land).

The event will explore real-world challenges, innovative solutions, and the opportunities that lie at the intersection of SDGs 13 and 15 – while also advancing the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF).

Welcome and Introduction by moderator

Ms. Anita Tzec, Senior Program Manager, Indigenous People and Conservation, International Union for the Conservation of Nature

Opening keynote address

Ms. Juliette Biao, Director of the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat

Mentimeter: When you think of primary forests today, what 3 words most describe the continuing challenges?

Keynote address

H.E. Maria Osmarina Marina da Silva Vaz de Lima, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change of Brazil

Panel: Strategies and Collaborations for Primary Forest Conservation

Mr. Pascal Martinez, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility

Dr. Amy Duchelle, Senior Forestry Officer and Team Leader, Forests & Climate, Forestry Division, FAO

Prof. Brendan Mackey, Director, Griffith Climate Action Beacon, Griffith University

Q&A Session

Closing Remarks

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), Global Environment Facility (GEF), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat – members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests – are joining forces and collaborating to foster enhanced conservation of primary forests. Key partners are Wild Heritage and Griffiths University who have long been active on this topic.



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