



FSC INTERNATIONAL HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE 2020



ALLIANCES FOR NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS: COMPANIES, DONORS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COMING TOGETHER FOR FOREST STEWARDSHIP

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There is increasing recognition of the role of nature-based solutions (NbS) in addressing climate change, biodiversity loss, and social injustice and inequity. However, NbS require collaboration among many actors, and increasingly we need to work in alliances to create incentives that make these solutions attractive.

The purpose of this high-level session will be to discuss how different actors can work together to develop forest stewardship and robust verification mechanisms, complementing other efforts carried out under public and private initiatives to meet global targets.

The event will have a focus on **four** main themes:



Meeting Facilitator:
John Ramsay



Panel Facilitator:
Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, SDGs Advocate - UNSG

Climate Change

Julianne Baroody from Verra, which manages a standard for certifying carbon emissions reductions (the Verified Carbon Standard), will discuss the climate change mitigation benefits – and potential financial benefits to forest managers – of responsible forest management practices such as those certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).



Julie's work currently focuses on adding value to plastic waste through Verra's leadership of the 3R Initiative. Previously, Julie led the development of the Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISTA), managed the Climate, Community & Biodiversity (CCB) Program, and supported governments, NGOs, and the private sector in African and Central American countries in their use of Verra's land-based frameworks.

Julie holds a master's degree in Forest Resources from the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences.



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Biodiversity

Nelson Kroll from Maderacre, a forestry company in the Peruvian Amazon, will talk about their engagement to demonstrate positive impact on biodiversity through certification of ecosystem services.



Forest engineer with more than 18 years of expertise in the management of natural tropical forests, he is responsible for the management of the largest forest management unit in Peru with more than 220 thousand hectares of natural forests located in the south-eastern Amazon, an operation certified under the FSC standards of MF/CoC since January 2007. As part of the integrated management of the forest, he has been implementing a REDD+ project since 2009, which holds CCB Gold and VCS accreditations. In 2019, he achieved the FSC ecosystem services accreditation for biodiversity conservation and carbon sequestration. These efforts have also contributed to position MADERACRE SAC, the company where he works, in the 9th position of the SPOTT ranking of sustainability and transparency worldwide.

Forests for People and Nature

Juan Anzieta from Arauco, a global forestry company headquartered in Chile, will talk about their efforts to create forest value for people through certification of ecosystem services and engagement with surrounding populations.



Juan holds a degree in Forestry from the Austral University in Chile. He has 20 years of corporate experience in the forestry business and have developed his career in Arauco in different areas such as silviculture, operations, communications, environment and health and safety. Juan holds an MBA from the Catholic University in Chile and a certification in Leadership from the Johnson School of Business at Cornell University in New York. He is currently the Head of Human Resources, Environment and Health and Safety in Arauco. Between other areas under his responsibility, is the Ecosystem Services Unit, where they work towards an integrated way of seeing forest landscape and the services they provide.

Human rights (Indigenous Peoples' rights)

Luis-Felipe Duchicela, Senior Advisor for Indigenous Peoples' Issues at USAID, The United States Agency for International Development, will present their new Indigenous Peoples' Policy and how many of its ideas are reflected in a new Global Development Alliance with FSC to enable Indigenous Peoples to secure their rights and improve their livelihoods.



On 2019, Luis Felipe Duchicela joined USAID as the new Senior Advisor for Indigenous Peoples' Issues for the Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance at USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, based in Washington, DC. In this capacity, Luis Felipe advises USAID on matters relating to the rights, needs and aspirations of Indigenous Peoples internationally and coordinates with interagency colleagues on such matters in meetings with foreign governments and multilateral institutions. Luis Felipe will support the implementation of USAID's Policy on Promoting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Pro-IP). He will also assess and provide technical assistance to field missions in implementing best practices and effective approaches to supporting the self-determined development goals of Indigenous Peoples' communities.

The topics covered in the four presentations will be brought together in a panel discussion facilitated by Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, an environmentalist and advocate for indigenous people and women.



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