

Date and hours: Thursday 29th August from 13:00 to 15:00

Location: La Vela at

the InterContinental Hotel Yokohama Grand



Co-organizers : Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) / International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

Forests Can Change the World

- Innovative Technologies and Approaches, Key Elements for Better Forest Governance in Africa

Background

The Forest Governance Initiative (FGI) was launched by JICA and JAXA in 2015 to encourage better use of satellite technology and multi-stakeholder partnerships to contribute to global forest conservation and climate change mitigation. Since 2016, JICA-JAXA Forest Early Warning System in the Tropics (JJ-FAST) tracks deforestation with JAXA's ALOS-2 satellite in about 80 countries. Such global efforts associated with collaboration among stakeholders will support African countries to promote the use of innovative technologies and to improve forest governance. These efforts will lead to better forest management, behavioral change of forest resource users, ultimately contributing to climate change mitigation.

Objectives

This side event aims to exchange views on 1) how African countries can promote sustainable forest management more effectively using innovative technologies along with necessary policy measures, 2) how we can induce behavioral change of forest resource users, and also 3) how development partners, the private sector and civil society organizations can contribute to the country's efforts.

Key Questions

- ▶ What issues and challenges do African countries face with regard to forest governance?
- ▶ What factors are hindering or enabling effective forest monitoring in terms of; policies, law enforcement, coordination among relevant stakeholders, community participation, behavioral change of forest resource users (local community, private developers, etc.) and systems or tools for forest monitoring?
- ▶ What kind of investment/fund will be expected in the sector to ensure sustainable utilization of forest resources? What factors are hindering from the private sector to invest in this sector?

Speakers

Benjamin Toirambe, General Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Democratic Republic of the Congo
 Ibrahim Mohamed, CBS, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya
 Gerhard Dieterle, Executive Director, ITTO
 Shigeru Sasabe, Representative Director, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, Sumitomo Forest Co., Ltd
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