

Side Event of the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt

How can Satellites Improve Forest Monitoring and Management (November 10th, Japan Pavilion)

JICA, together with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and the Kenyan Ministry of Environment and Forestry, co-organized a side event entitled “How can satellites improve Forest Monitoring and Management?”

Opening remarks were delivered by Professor Tanui, CEO of Water Tower Agency of Kenya on behalf of Mr. Eng. Festus K. Ng’eno, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya, who indicated his thanks for 37 years’ technical cooperation from Japan for Kenya’s forest sector and the provision of JICA-JAXA’s JJ-Fast early warning system. Mr. Alfred Gichu, Forest Conservation Secretary/National REDD+ Coordinator & Focal Point, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya and Mr. Peter Sirayo, Kenya Forest Service made a presentation on the progress of REDD+ readiness of Kenya, including reference levels and national forest monitoring systems that have been established through JICA’s support, with further improvements planned.

It was followed by Mr. Joaquim Macuacua, National Directorate of Forests, Ministry of Land and Environment, Mozambique, Dr. Belinda Arunarwati Margono, Director of Forest Resources Inventory and Monitoring-Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia, Mr. Geoffrey Omedo, Portfolio Analyst, Environment and Resilience Unit, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Dr. Jonathan Roberts, Project Manager of IMPRESS (UK-PACT), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), who all presented relevant initiatives and projects and exchanged information. At the end of the event, Mr. Yutaka Kawashima, Director, Forest Carbon Sink Strategy Office, Forestry Agency of Japan delivered closing remarks indicating the importance of a robust carbon accounting and monitoring system and technical advancement.

The facilitator of the Panel discussion was Mr. Peter Nduati, Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests, Kenya Forest Service and the moderator of the side event was Dr. Yasuko Inoue, Expert on Forest Policy and Extension for the JICA Project for Strengthening Forestry Sector Development and Community Resilience to Climate Change through Sustainable Forest Management and Landscape Restoration.



Panelists



Audience



Mr. Peter Sirayo,
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