



## **Forests and Finance: Advancing from Paris toward Marrakesh and Beyond**

*The 2015 Paris Climate Agreement solidified the role of forest and land use conservation in the fight against climate change, and provides a framework to support the continuing expansion of innovative tools and approaches to leverage finance for forests. As Forest Trends' latest annual State of Forest Carbon Finance report shows, the once-separate worlds of voluntary forest carbon markets, emerging compliance markets, and burgeoning public-sector performance payments are continuing to grow and beginning to come together.*

*This important Pre-Marrakesh COP session will take stock of recent progress made in forest and climate finance, and will focus on pathways forward – in particular on the growing role that private finance for forests can and must play in enabling the world to meet the ambitious climate targets set in Paris.*

### **Panel topics, format, and speakers:**

3:00-3:30 Registration and sign-in; coffee and tea available (no food)

3:30-5:00 Forests and Finance – Trends, developments in national and jurisdictional REDD and ag programs, new innovations in the aftermath of the Paris Agreement, and a preview of COP22 (Moderator: Michael Wolosin)

- Launch and overview of *State of Forest Carbon Finance Report* (Kelley Hamrick of Forest Trends' Ecosystem Marketplace presents, covering three segments: voluntary markets, emerging compliance markets, and performance payments)
- What the Paris Agreement may do for forests and finance, COP22 expectations, and important developments outside the UNFCCC, including ICAO (Peter Graham)
- Private finance perspective and new developments – A new investment platform for carbon and other environmental assets (Althelia/Kate Dillon Levin)
- Private finance perspective and new developments – The REDD+ Acceleration Fund (Encourage Capital/Eron Bloomgarden)

5:00-6:30 Reception

### **Baker McKenzie will host the event and reception in their DC office:**

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