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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