



## Transformative Programs for Forest Conservation and Restoration at Scale for Economic Growth, Climate Mitigation, and Biodiversity Conservation

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### OVERVIEW

Across the globe, governments are taking action to respond to forest loss and land degradation, and many have committed to take transformative action to slow deforestation, restore degraded forests, and better manage and conserve existing forests.

The World Bank Group supports client countries in their efforts to deliver on forest and terrestrial ecosystem climate commitments through programs that combines complimentary interventions and a range of financing tools to deliver results at scale. Depending on country needs, such programs starting from analytical work and local assessments of drivers of forest loss and degradation, then progress to establish an enabling environment for forest management and conservation through policy reform, institutional capacity building and technical assistance, investment in forest conservation and management, including local communities, follows, with improved forest outcomes yielding result-based finance. The World Bank engages with the government and key stakeholders to develop long-term strategic forest sector programs based on sequenced interventions that build technical and institutional capacity and establish an integrated portfolio of projects supported by financing from IDA/IBRD and forest and climate related trust funds administered by the World Bank.

This side event will show case results achieved in Ghana and Mozambique.

### AGENDA & SPEAKERS

**Moderator:** Garo Batmanian, Global Lead for Forests, Landscapes, and Biodiversity, The World Bank

**Environment: PROGREEN**

Timothy Brown, Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist - PROGREEN, The World Bank  
Edith Abruquah, Acting Executive Director, Forest Services Division – Ghana

**Climate Change: FCPF, CERF & ISFL**

Simon Whitehouse, Fund Manager, FCPF, The World Bank  
Aristides Muhate, MRV Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development - Mozambique

**BIOS**



**Timothy Brown,**  
 Sr. Natural  
 Resources  
 Management  
 Specialist, WB

Tim is a Sr. Natural Resources Management Specialist with experience in forest policy and management, climate policy and finance, natural resource governance, and green, brown and blue issues. Until recently, in the Africa Region, he was responsible for developing and delivering on climate and forest engagements in key countries, coordinating work on natural capital accounting, and working with country teams on forest and landscape investments



**Edith Abruquah,**  
 Acting  
 Executive  
 Director of the  
 Forest Services  
 Division - Ghana

Edith has recently been appointed as the Acting Executive Director of the Forest Services Division. With 30 years' experience on the job, she has broken through the glass ceiling as the first woman to become an Executive Director in the history of Forestry commission. Over the past three decades, she has risen from the ranks of District Manager of the Tema District, Regional manager of Eastern, Ashanti, and Greater Accra, and Director of Operations, Natural Forests, at the Headquarters which has given her good exposure on forest practices in and out of Ghana.



**Aristides Muhate, MRV  
 Coordinator,  
 Ministry of  
 Agriculture and  
 Rural  
 Development -  
 Mozambique**

Aristides Muhate has 17 years of experience in the forest sector both with the Government and private sector. He led the 4th National Forest inventory, the production of the historical deforestation data, the development of the 2016 Land Use Land Cover map, the development of the Forest Reference Emission Level for Mozambique, and the production of annual deforestation and emissions data for Mozambique.



**Simon Whitehouse,**  
 Fund Manager,  
 FCPF, WB

Simon Whitehouse has worked at the World Bank on climate change since 2008 and has been the Fund Manager of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) since 2012. Prior to joining the World Bank, Simon served as Director of Finance (Chief Finance Officer) for a number of large international development agencies and non-profits with annual budgets of up to US\$130 million.



**Garo Batmanian,**  
 Global Lead for  
 Forests,  
 Landscapes,  
 and Biodiversity,  
 WB

Garo leads the implementation of the integrated green agenda at the Bank. He coordinates manages the Global Partnership for Sustainable and Resilient Landscapes (PROGREEN), and the Forest Investment Program (FIP). Garo is the World Bank focal point on the Collaborative Partnership on Forest (CPF), and the chair of the Finance Task Force of the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration Initiative.