

BOOK LAUNCH AND WEBINAR

FORESTS IN A CHANGING CLIMATE: A SOURCEBOOK FOR INTEGRATING REDD+ INTO ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

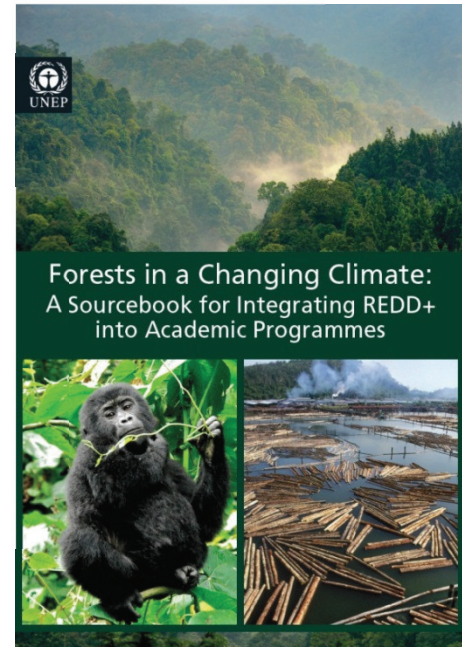
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**Venue: Conference Room 10,
UNEP HQs, Gigiri, Nairobi**

Time: 14.00 – 16.30hrs

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Forests are critical ecosystems in terms of biodiversity conservation and the benefits they provide. However, deforestation and forest degradation account for 20% of global greenhouse gas emissions leading to climate change. The REDD+ mechanism focuses on *'reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks'*.

REDD+ seeks to build and maintain natural capital, and to transition to sustainable management of forests by, among others, identifying strategic options for improved land-use and better forest management based on sound scientific evidence and technical advice.

'Forests in a Changing Climate: Sourcebook for REDD+' provides an overview of the key topics related to forests and climate change, under the overarching and evolving REDD+ narrative. The purpose of the book is to facilitate the integration of REDD+ knowledge into university programmes. It includes case studies and detailed references. The sourcebook can be used in the design and delivery of academic programmes related to REDD+.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

13:45 – 14:00	Arrivals and Registrations	
14.00 – 14.10	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP
14.10 – 14.20		Director, Kenya Forest Service
14:20 – 14:30	REDD+ Sourcebook Overview	Yale University
14:30 – 16:00	Panel Discussion (40 mins), followed by Q&A (50 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Christophersen, UN-REDD • Kiama Gitahi, Wangari Maathai Institute, University of Nairobi • Alfred Gichu, National REDD+ Coordinator • Gitile Naituli, Multimedia University/MESA 	
16:00 – 16:05	Summary	Team Leader, UN-REDD Programme
16:05 – 16:10	& Closing Remarks	Chief, Environmental Education and Training Unit, UNEP
16.10 – 16.30	<i>Tea and refreshments</i>	

KEY SPEAKERS



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