



Towards a new international regime on forests
Wednesday, 5 July 2006, 10:00 – 12:00
International Environment House II, Ground floor

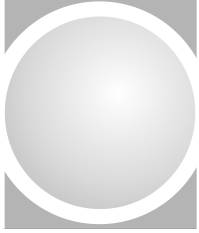
Major developments are taking place in the international negotiations on forests. Last January, the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) reached agreement on a new 10-year treaty to promote the sustainable development of forests. In February, delegates to the United Nations Forest Forum (UNFF) launched talks on a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests.

This evolving backdrop raises critical questions. What roles should the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the ITTO and the UNFF play in any new regime? How can the international community ensure that the work of the various forums remains mutually supportive and complementary? What will be the impact on the forests themselves?

You are cordially invited to join with senior officials from the key forestry bodies to explore these issues at today's roundtable.

Agenda

- 9.30 Coffee
- 10.00 Welcome by Frits Schlingemann, Director and Regional Representative for Europe, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 10.10 Introduction by the moderator, Franz Xaver Perrez, Head, Global Affairs Section, International Affairs Division, Federal Office for the Environment of the Swiss Confederation
- Presentations by the panel members:
- Manoel Sobral, Executive Director, International Tropical Timber Organization, Yokohama
 - Pekka Patosaari, Director, United Nations Forum on Forests, New York
 - Wulf Killmann, Director, Forest Products and Economics Division, FAO, Rome
- Presentations by the discussants:
- Christopher F.L. Prins, Chief, Timber Section, UN Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva
 - Jürgen Blaser, Intercooperation, Bern
- 11.00 Discussion with panelists and participants
- 11.50 Wrap-up by the moderator
- 12.00 End



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You are cordially invited to participate in this roundtable. Owing to the limited number of seats available, we would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by **30 June 2006** to Ms. Fatma Gordon at the address below by fax, post or email (fatma.gordon@unep.ch). Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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