

COP28 Side Event on Primary Forests

Climate & Canopy:

Amplifying Action for SDG 13 & 15 through Primary Forest Conservation

8 December 2023, 11:45am-12:45pm

COP28 SDG Pavilion,

policymakers, and the public, transforming their perception and ensuring their inclusion in forest financing strategies, conservation initiatives, and the global policy agenda.

#### Main Objective of the event

The event will foster better understanding and awareness of the importance of enhancing the conservation of primary forests, and explore concrete next steps to be taken to champion primary forest conservation, seamlessly intertwining the objectives of SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 15 (Life on Land). Spotlighting collective endeavors from diverse stakeholders, it emphasizes the pivotal role primary forests play in both climate mitigation and preserving terrestrial ecosystems.

#### Modalities of the event

Through a series of engaging mini-panels interspersed with audience engagement activities, attendees will explore real-world challenges, innovative solutions, and the immense opportunities that lie at the intersection of these two critical SDGs while also advancing the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF).

#### Programme of the event

Welcome and Introduction by moderator Ms. Anita Tzec, Senior Program Manager, Indigenous People and Conservation, International Union for the Conservation

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