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SCIENCE-POLICY FORUM SESSION

Organiser: Forest Survey of India (FSI) | **Partners:** GIZ India | IUCN | ICFRE | TERI | ICIMOD

Counting What Counts

Delivering & Demonstrating the Global Biodiversity Framework through Capacity-Enabled Forest Landscape Restoration, Community-Governed OECMs & an Integrated Monitoring Backbone for Global Benefits

Date
29 October 2026

Time
13:15 – 14:45
(90 Minutes)
AMT (UTC+4)

Venue
Komitas - Business and Industry Organizations Group room
Block 2, 3rd Floor
CBD COP17, Yerevan, Armenia

About the Session

As Parties prepare for the first Global Review under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) at CBD COP17, this session will showcase India's integrated approach to forest and landscape restoration through RECAP4NDC, highlighting how measurable outcomes, community-governed OECMs and robust monitoring systems can deliver biodiversity, climate and sustainable development benefits. The session will foster a global dialogue on strengthening monitoring systems that bridge biodiversity, climate and land restoration agendas.

Key Themes

Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR)
From commitment to measurable outcomes

Community-Governed Conservation & OECMs
Recognising and supporting effective area-based measures

Integrated Monitoring Backbone
Data, evidence and transparency for the KM-GBF Global Review

Co-Benefits
Biodiversity, climate, land degradation neutrality and people's well-being

Partnerships & Knowledge Exchange
Scaling solutions through collaboration and South-South learning

MINUTE-BY-MINUTE PROGRAMME

Time and Duration (AMT UTC+4)	Agenda / Theme	Speaker / Institution
13:15 – 13:27 (12 Min)	**WELCOME & SPECIAL ADDRESS: INDIA'S PERSPECTIVE ON DELIVERING THE KM-GBF** • Scope and purpose of the session • Why demonstrating measurable outcomes matters for the KM-GBF Global Review • India's approach to restoration, conservation and biodiversity monitoring • Linking FLR, OECMs and evidence-based monitoring	**Dr. S. Senthil Kumar,** Director General, FSI
13:27 – 13:35 (08 Min)	**Setting the Context: Video on Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) and Key Approaches under RECAP4NDC**	**Ms. Marina Kosmus, GIZ**
13:35 – 14:40 (65 Min)	**PANEL DISCUSSION - RESTORE, GOVERN, MEASURE: INDIA'S PATHWAY TO DELIVERING FROM RESTORATION TO DEMONSTRABLE OUTCOMES** • Delivering & Demonstrating the Global Biodiversity Framework through Capacity-Enabled Forest Landscape Restoration, Community-Governed OECMs & an Integrated Monitoring Backbone **Panellists:** • **Ms. Shivani Dogra, FSI** • **Mr. Jitesh Kumar, MoEFCC** • **Ms. Archana Chatterjee, IUCN** • **Ms. Varun Grover, TERI** • **Mr. Ritesh Sharma, ICIMOD**	
14:40 – 14:45 (05 Min)	**KEY TAKEAWAYS, CLOSING & WAY FORWARD** • Key messages and recommendations from the session • Opportunities for partnerships and technology/capacity transfer • Next steps towards integrated FLR, OECM--MER approaches and South-South knowledge exchange	**Ms. Shivani Dogra,** Joint Director, FSI

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