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SCIENCE-POLICY FORUM SESSION

Hosts: Forest Survey of India (FSI) | MoEFCC, Government of India | GIZ | ICFRE | IUCN | 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 & 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 measurable outcomes matter 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 (8 Min)	Setting the Context: Video on Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) and Key Approaches under RECAP4NDC	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 - Dr. Harish Singh Ginwal, ICFRE - Ms. Archana Chatterjee, IUCN - Mr. Varun Grover, TERI - Mr. Ritesh Sharma, ICIMOD	
14:40 – 14:45 (5 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 JD, FSI

RESTORE | CONSERVE | PROTECT

FORESTS AND PEOPLE FOR A NATURE-POSITIVE TOMORROW