



Programme Outline

Wednesday 10 April

- Session 1 Opportunities and constraints in global forestry and sustainable development goals**
What are the big issues globally surrounding our use of trees and forests? What opportunities and constraints is this creating?
- Session 2 Delivering economic benefits from the world's forests**
We are told timber is a vital resource for a sustainable global future but what are the current and future main drivers for global supply and demand? Where does the UK fit in to this?
- Session 3 Delivering social benefits from the world's forests**
Communities benefit from forests in many different ways. For some, they are essential for livelihoods. In urban areas, trees are important for our mental and physical health. How do we increase the social connections we have with Forests? The UK helps contribute to some exciting socially led forestry projects around the world. We will hear from some examples.

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- Session 4 Delivering environmental benefits from the world's forests**
The positive effects of forests on the wider environment is being increasingly understood. Climate change is at the top of the international agenda. Water is going to become an ever-scarcer resource. Biodiversity conservation is essential for our future. What can we learn from overseas experience, and how can we play our part in the UK?

Session 5 Do Professional Foresters Matter?

With this increased awareness of the importance of forests, how can professional foresters best provide a service for governments, communities and other stakeholders? Is there a requirement for professional foresters to broaden their skill-sets, and to learn to work more collaboratively with other partners?

Session 6 Inspiring the Next Generation

With so much potential for forestry and timber to help with the world's problems how are we ensuring the next generation our ready to continue the good work we have started? We hear from some inspiring young foresters on their careers so far and thoughts on the future.