



International  
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Side Event

## Biodiversity in Forest Landscapes: Partnerships for Conservation and Sustainable Communities

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**Date: October 19, 2009**

**Hour: 1830h-2030h**

**Location: Viraró room (Yellow Pavillion)**

Under the WFC theme of *Forests and Biodiversity*, the International Model Forest Network (IMFN), the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) will host a roundtable discussion of “Biodiversity in Forest Landscapes: Partnerships for Conservation and Sustainable Communities”.

Representatives of these organizations will discuss their efforts to establish the “vital balance” between ecosystems, economies and communities that is the focus of this year’s WFC, and examine how their work reflects international priorities, policies and agreements on the sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity.

The ITTO will be represented by Eduardo Mansur, Assistant Director, Division of Reforestation and Forest Management, CIFOR by Dr. Terry Sunderland of the Forests and Livelihoods Program, and CBD by Environmental Affairs Officer Tim Christopherson of the Forest Biodiversity sector. The IMFN will be represented by Peter Besseau, Director of the IMFN Secretariat.

This event is open to the public. Snacks and refreshments will be provided as well as simultaneous interpretation in English and Spanish.