



Global Landscapes Forum

Eastern Africa Forest
Observatory (Ofesa) Launch Pad

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Background

The Eastern Africa Forest Observatory was developed in response to the significant loss of forests experienced in the region with negative impacts on forest goods and services (including climate regulation) and local livelihoods. Many factors driving forest cover loss are transboundary in nature resulting in the need to monitor at a regional scale to ensure sustainable forest management and conservation. However, the existing forest monitoring systems and initiatives are divergent, varying in scale, frequency and the type of data gathered, thus challenging forest monitoring at a regional scale. The is regional forest observatory therefore provides member countries with a platform for sharing, exchanging and accessing data and information related to forests and REDD+ in support of decision making processes by governments and other actors. The observatory has data and information on forest cover trends and drivers that countries can use to track progress towards achieving restoration targets under the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFRI 100) and other initiatives such as Forests 2020. These data are also useful for national reporting obligations.

Objective

The purpose of the Launchpad is to present the key products and outcomes of a prototype of the Eastern Africa Forest Observatory (OFESA) to policy makers, practitioners and the general public. The products include the observatory's website and capabilities, a State of Forests report for the region covering Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Mozambique and recommendations for the longer term sustainability of the observatory.

Launchpad program

| Time | Activity | Responsible |
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| 10 min | Opening Remarks | Robert Nasi, CIFOR Director General, J.B. Kiema, RCMRD Director Plinio Sist, CIRAD Director |
| 10 min | OFESA Project Overview and Key outcomes | Laura Mukhwana, CIFOR Esther Mwangi, CIFOR |
| 10 min | OFESA Website DEMO | Patrick Kabatha, RCMRD |
| 15 min | Discussion- Way forward | Paolo Cerutti, CIFOR |

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