

Day 5 - October 28, 2022

AT A GLANCE: What sessions took place today?

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The last knowledge sharing session of Global Green Growth Week in 2022 explored issues of **Sustainable Forests and Landscapes**. By looking at how restoration of degraded forest landscapes and promoting ecosystem services can contribute to ensuring human well-being, this session offered the opportunity to untap hidden potential in adaptation strategies. Despite their significant environmental, social and economic importance, deforestation and forest degradation continued both at global and national levels. According to the Global Forest Goals Report 2021 of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, every year, seven million hectares of natural forests are converted to other land uses such as large-scale commercial agriculture and other economic activities. In line with the UN declaration of 2021-2030 as decade of ecosystem restoration, presenters and panelists in this session addressed environmental and socioeconomic importance of forest restoration and the need to enhance ecosystem services through sustainable management of existing forests.

The concluding event of Global Green Growth Week was **Korea Day** and, as 2022 marks GGGI's 10th Anniversary, this year provided the perfect opportunity to share and learn about opportunities to further strengthen relations. Korea Day Event convened various Korean ministries and agencies to share GGGI's cooperation with Korean development stakeholders and achievements on our collaborations. Furthermore, the event served as an opportunity to introduce GGGI and showcase our work on select themes and areas to all interested stakeholders. Korea Day consisted of four sessions focusing on ROK-GGGI Partnership to achieve Carbon Neutrality, collaboration in multiple Programmatic Solution areas, Greening Korea ODA – pathways to transformational change and Clean Energy Transition and GGGI's Programs. During the final remarks, the Senior Regional Business Development Officer for Africa (and Europe), shared her thoughts:

“We come out of this place today with a lot of information and business cards, that we are going to follow up on, it is good to understand what is available out there and how to reach out on what is available. It was a great chance to connect different Korean ministries and agencies and GGGI country offices”

This very successful day brought together many different people to build and consolidate sustainable and lasting partnerships between GGGI and the Republic of Korea.

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Adaptation and Building Resilience through Restoration & Sustainable Management of Forests

»» Date: October 28 (Fri)
Time: 01:00-02:30 (KST)
Location: Zoom Events

Registration
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Restoration of degraded forest landscapes and promoting ecosystem services contribute to ensuring human well-being. Studies show that about 1.6 billion people worldwide depend directly on forests for food, shelter, energy, medicines and income. Global and national targets aimed at eradicating poverty, biodiversity conservation, protecting watersheds, and building food and energy security and combating climate change cannot be achieved without restoring degraded forest landscapes and sustainable management of forests.

Developing and sustainably managing forests are solutions to address the negative impacts of climate change as forests do play significant role in both adaptation and mitigation. Forests absorb about one-third of global greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, forest ecosystems are important for building resilience and adaptive capacity to the changing climate.

"In addition to their significant role in climate change mitigation, forests are important for enhancing adaptive capacity of ecosystems and building resilience for improved human wellbeing"

Gemedo Dalle Tussie
Session lead & Country Representative - Ethiopia, GGGI



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