



## THE RESTORATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Experience from the field to scale up  
forest and landscape restoration

29 September 2023

10:30 (GMT +9:30)

Territory Room 8

**DARWIN, AUSTRALIA**

# CONTENT

The Restoration Initiative (TRI) brings the collective strengths and resources of three leading institutions: the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the UN Environment Programme, together with ten Asian and African countries to transform restoration ambition into results.

The aim of this session is to share experiences and lessons learned through understanding the principles of forest and landscape restoration practices and its actual implementation in the field.

Participants will be able to engage with country representatives who will present examples of the varied technical tools and approaches provided by the programme to plan, implement and monitor restoration in conjunction with local knowledge that are enabling transformation from restoration ambition into results.

## AGENDA

10:30-10:35 Welcome address, Christophe Besacier, FAO

10:35-10:45 Overview of The Restoration Initiative, Benjamin De Ridder, FAO

10:45-11:15 Country presentations on FLR implementation

- Pakistan - Focus on value chain development and community forestry, Faizul Bari (FAO)
- Kenya - Focus on dryland restoration, Meshack Muga (FAO)
- Democratic Republic of Congo - Focus on the role of indigenous peoples and FLR, Benjamin De Ridder (FAO)

11:15-11:30 Questions and answers facilitated by FAO

11:30-12:00 Panel discussion on global technical assistance on enabling environment, monitoring and financing for FLR Facilitated by Christophe Besacier (FAO)

- Policy support, Adriana Vidal (IUCN) and countries
- Knowledge sharing & capacity development, Benjamin De Ridder (FAO) and countries
- Business development for finance mobilization, Jonathan Gheysens (UNEP FI) and countries

12:00-12:15 Question and Answers Facilitated by Christophe Besacier (FAO)

12:15-12:30 Perspectives and closing remarks Christophe, Besacier (FAO)

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