Building a Forest-Based Economy in the Amazon

How bioeconomy can provide climate resilience, economic development, and ensure the survival of the Amazon's biodiversity

To jointly realize the economic development as well as the climate mitigation and adaptation potential of the Amazon's productive forests, we must bring community-based forest production and management to scale and understand and resolve production and marketing challenges that limit the potential of this solution. Through this panel discussion, we hope to provide an open space for meaningful dialogue on these challenges and to partner with others in finding answers applicable in countries outside of Bolivia and Peru to help achieve a forest-based sustainable economy that can be scaled across the Amazon.

AGENDA

Wednesday, Se	eptember 22, 2021) Time: 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. EST 🛛 bit.ly/bioeconomy-webinar
TIME	ΤΟΡΙϹ	PRESENTERS
12:30 - 12:33 p.m.	Event Welcome	John Beavers, Amazon Conservation Executive Director [USA]
12:33 - 12:38 p.m.	Opening Remarks	Thomas Lovejoy, President of the Amazon Biodiversity Center, Senior Fellow at the United Nations Foundation, University professor at George Mason University, and Amazon Conservation Board Member [USA]

Main Section: Building a Forest-Based Economy in the Amazon		
12:39 - 12:59 p.m.	Production Capacity and Market Connections	How can local people build their capacity to sustainably produce from the forest and create market connections that optimize production and increase incomes from forest-friendly commodities?
		 Introduction by Marcos Terán, Executive Director, Conservación Amazónica - ACEAA [Bolivia] Speaker 1: Gresly Justiniano Duran, Mayor of Porvenir [Bolivia] Speaker 2: Sara Hurtado, General Manager, INCAP [Peru] Speaker 3: Daniel Larrea, Science and Technology Coordinator, Conservación Amazónica - ACEAA [Bolivia]
1:00 - 1:16 p.m.	Scaling Up	How do we scale locally-based production so that it covers the entire Amazon by strengthening local producer associations and indigenous federations?
		 Introduction by Isabel Castillo, Peru Country Director, NESsT [Peru] Speaker 1: Eiji Misael Campos Fernandez, President of FEDAFAP, açaí producer at the Porvenir conservation area [Bolivia] Speaker 2: Martin Huaypuna, Indigenous Forest Association in Madre de Dios - AFIMAD [Peru]
1:17 - 1:30 p.m.	Building Climate Resilience and Adaptation	What are some of the ways in which communities are building resilience and adaptation into their forest management and production?
		 Introduction by James Hardcastle, Associate Director, IUCN [Switzerland] Speaker 1: Hilda María Cordero, President of the native community of Infierno [Peru] Speaker 2: Adivaldo Moura Silva, Director of Sustainable Development for the Pando government (SEDEPRO) [Bolivia]
1:31 - 1:51 p.m.	Q&A Session	Moderated by John Beavers, Executive Director of Amazon Conservation
1:53 - 2:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Conclusion	Fabiola Muñoz, Coordinator for the Coalition for Sustainable Production, Former Minister of the Environment of Peru, and Former Executive Director of Peru's National Forest and Wildlife Service (SERFOR) [Peru]

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