

COP 23 Side Event - Improving Productivity and Conservation through Landuse Monitoring in the Pacific Islands

The Global Forest Observations Initiative (GFOI) partners will be hosting a side event at the 23rd UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP 23) in Bonn, Germany, entitled **‘Improving productivity and conservation through landuse monitoring in the Pacific Islands’**. The side event is being co-hosted by two of the GFOI lead partners: The Australian Government and the European Space Agency (ESA).

The side event will showcase the activities and achievements of the GFOI in the Pacific. The event will include presentations from Pacific Island country participants on the GFOI REDDcompass platform (www.gfoi.org/reddcompass), ESA presentations on landuse monitoring programs in the region and panel discussions with GFOI lead partner representatives from Australia, the USA and ESA and REDDcompass course participants, on how the GFOI is making a global contribution to land sector climate change mitigation and sustainable land management.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Description</i>
Welcome & opening	Kushla Munro, Australian Government	16:45 - 16:50	Opening of the event and outline of the session
	Frank Martin Seifert, European Space Agency	16:50 – 16:55	
ESA Presentation	Frank Martin Seifert	16:55 - 17:15	Presentation on ESA landuse monitoring programs in the Pacific
Fiji representative	Semi Dranibaka, Fiji National REDD+ Coordinator	17:15 – 17.30	Country presentations on the use and implementation of the GFOI REDDcompass resource
Papua New Guinea Presentation	Alfred Rungol, PNG Climate Change Development Authority	17:30 – 17:45	
Panel discussion	All speakers plus GFOI partner – the Government of the United States	17:45 – 18:10	Discussion and Q&A
Close	Kushla Munro	18:10 – 18:15	Close of event