



## Second international AFORPOLIS conference on “African forest-related policies and politics”

14 – 17 September 2020 in Accra, Ghana

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### Announcement

The African forest policies and Politics (AFORPOLIS) organisation, TROPENBOS International (TBI) and TROPENBOS Ghana (TBG) are organising the second social sciences conference on “African forest-related policies and politics” (AFORPOLIS conference 2020). This conference is organised in collaboration with the University of Göttingen in Germany and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO, working party 9.05.09). The conference will take place in Accra, Ghana from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The aim of the international AFORPOLIS conference 2020 is to address societal issues and dilemmas encountered in forest-related policies and politics in Africa. To do that, the conference brings together scientists and practitioners around the world, across the full range of social sciences disciplines and professions related to forest and land-use governance issues in Africa. The major themes of the upcoming AFORPOLIS conference 2020 in Accra include: (i) public goods, biodiversity and climate policy; (ii) governance, deforestation and sustainability; (iii) community rights, forest and land tenures; (iv) development, resources and landscape approaches.

Junior and senior scholars who are engaged in theoretical and empirical-based research that address the conference themes and sub-themes are encouraged to submit abstracts. As Ghana is the host country of this AFORPOLIS conference 2020, proposals addressing the following conference sub-themes from local, national and transnational perspectives of West Africa will also be appreciated. To promote science-policy interactions, non-researchers (policy-makers, actors from private and civil society organizations) are encouraged to attend this conference as speakers or participants.

#### CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

Proposals for oral presentations, posters, thematic sessions and side-events should explicitly refer to at least one of the following conference sub-themes: 1) Forest, climate change policies and related synergies or trade-offs; 2) Political economy of deforestation; 3) Forestland conversion and agricultural commodities; 4) Natural resource management and jurisdictional approaches ; 5) Potential effects of independent monitoring on natural resource governance; 6) Transnational and decentralised governance of natural resources; 7) Effectiveness of international forest-related regimes, development and domestic politics; 8) Rights and tenure innovations for climate finance and development; 9) Forest management and biodiversity conservation; 10) Living income and living wages in agro- and forest commodity production.

Preference will be given to those thematic sessions and side-events that create opportunities for interaction between practitioners and scientists

#### DEADLINES AND KEY DATES (submission deadline extended)

Please submit your abstracts (maximum 300 words) through the following [link](#) by **February 12, 2020**. The decisions of abstract selection will be shared with each applicant **by March 27, 2020**. Authors of the selected abstracts will be invited to submit their full manuscripts **by August 17, 2020**. A selection of best manuscripts, if approved by a rigorous peer-review, will be published in at least one special issue of international peer-review journals including Forest Policy and Economics (Elsevier, IF: 3.09).

Potential other option for a special issue: with world development journal.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Jesse Ribot**, Full professor, School of International Service, American University Washington, DC - U.S.A

**Liz Alden Wily**, Political economist, Van Vollenhoven Institute, School of Law, Leiden University - Netherlands

**Elisabeth Obeng**, Senior research scientist, CSIR-Forestry Research Institute of Ghana, Accra - Ghana

**René Boot**, Director of Tropenbos international; Professor at Utrecht University - Netherlands

**Max Krott**, Full professor, Chair of Forest and Nature Conservation Policy, University of Göttingen – Germany

## REGISTRATION FEES

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Participant from developed countries & international institutions*	350.00 Euros
Participant from transition & developing countries*	220.00 Euros
Student from African universities**	90.00 Euros

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\* Please see the following list: [http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/wesp/wesp\\_current/2014wesp\\_country\\_classification.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/wesp/wesp_current/2014wesp_country_classification.pdf).

\*\* This should be valid only with a formal letter of confirmation of student status from her/his faculty.

- *More details about the payment modalities (registration fees) will be published on the AFORPOLIS website after the abstracts selection process.*
- *A limited number of IUFRO participation grants will be allocated to selected conference participants (students and early career researchers based in African countries) after the abstracts evaluation process.*

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