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Forests, Trees and Poverty Alleviation in Africa

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ABSTRACT

Despite the wealth in natural resources, poverty remains a major challenge in countries across Africa. The continent is home to 70% of the world's extreme poor, many of whom often rely heavily on forests, trees and the ecosystem services they provide to support their livelihoods. Although often overlooked resources, forests and tree-based systems are vital in efforts to address poverty. However, it is crucial that policy and management measures that enable forests and trees to alleviate poverty are tailored to each specific context.

In July 2021, IUFRO's GFEP Programme published a new policy brief, entitled *Forests, Trees and Poverty Alleviation in Africa: An Expanded Policy Brief*. This policy brief derives its information from the assessment report of the Global Forest Expert Panel on Forests and Poverty, with additional complementary research in Africa, and consultation with 207 stakeholders. It contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by highlighting the nexus between SDG 1: No poverty and SDG 15: Life on land, as well as links to other relevant SDGs. Major outcomes of the study will be shared by Dr Doris N. Mutta, an author and editor of the publication.

KEYWORDS

- Sustainable Forest Management
 - Forest Resources
 - Forest Policy
 - Forest Products
 - Poverty Alleviation

SPEAKERS



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Dr Mutta was a panel member of the Global Forest Expert Panel on Forests and Poverty. She is the author and editor of the publication, *Forests, Trees and Poverty Alleviation in Africa: An Expanded Policy Brief*.

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