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Panel Discussion

# Forest-based Bioeconomy for All: Opportunities and Challenges

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Forests are considered central suppliers of raw material in a bioeconomy, where biobased and renewable materials replace fossil, non-renewables resources. While a shift towards bioeconomy offers great prospects for the development of sustainable economies, it might as well foster conflicts through an increased pressure on forest resources. This science-policy forum discusses opportunities and challenges of a bioeconomy based on forest and tree resources including non-wood forest products from a political and a scientific perspective. It addresses emerging questions on economic, ecological and social consequences and the role of science and policy with particular focus on the African and European continent.

*Welcome*

*PANEL DISCUSSION*

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