



## **FSC General Assembly – Side Meeting on Intact Forest landscapes**

**Tuesday 9 October, 16.30 - 18.00**

Intact Forest Landscapes require the consideration of their political, economic, cultural, social and environmental importance. The protection of intact forest landscapes (IFLs) has gained much attention since our last General Assembly in Seville in 2014. Main issues in Intact Forest Landscapes concern the integrity, intactness, cultural and indigenous use and biodiversity of these forests.

IFLs are to a certain extent a game-changer for FSC: a landscape approach requires to look wider than the forest area itself, and calls for the integration of other surrounding landscape elements of which the forest area is part. It calls for definitions (what do we mean by intact?), dimensions of landscapes, the values of landscapes we are trying to protect, the engagement of Indigenous Peoples, the roles in landscapes of other sectors than the forest sector (such as the agricultural sector). It also requires consideration of regional diversity versus global coherence in identifying and managing a forest landscape.

A two-way approach to work on IFLs is developed in FSC. Standard setting addressing the regionally specific issues is under development, especially in the Amazon, Congo Basin, Canada and Russia as main regional prioritized forest areas. In addition to standard setting, a hosted expert-dialogue platform was established identifying effective political and strategic approaches to protecting and managing IFLs.

See: <https://ga2017.fsc.org/timetable/event/ifls/>

### **AGENDA**

The purpose of this side meeting is to update members and stakeholders.

16.30 Opening facilitator (John Ramsay)

#### **16.35 Perspectives and progress from Intact Forest Landscapes priority areas**

- Global progress: Pasi Miettinen (FSC International)
- Amazon: Aline Tristão Bernardes (FSC Brazil)
- Congo Basin: Mathieu Auger Schwartzberg (FSC Congo Basin)
- Canadian Boreal Forests: Vivian Peachey (FSC Canada)
- Russian Boreal Forests: Andrei Ptichnikov (FSC Russia)

#### **17.10 Reduced Impact Logging in Intact Forest Landscapes in Brazil**

Introduction by Leonardo Martin Sobral (Imaflora)

#### **17.20 Minimizing the impact of logging on ecological intactness in tropical forest ecosystems**

Introduction by Tim Rayden (WCS)

#### **17.30 Free Prior Informed Consent and Intact Forest Landscapes, with a focus on Canada**

Introduction by Peggy Smith

17.40 Questions and answers, discussion

18.00 closure