



CONFERENCE

TRANSFORMING FORESTS

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2023

08.30 - 17.00 CET

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**PODIUM HALL IN OMNIA
WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY
AND RESEARCH CAMPUS**

What role do forests globally play in sustainability transformations and what does it mean for the Dutch Forests?

During this event, scientists and experts will explore different visions on forest landscapes futures globally and connect them to the debates on transformative change/sustainability transitions. On the second day, the consequences for The Netherlands will be discussed, for Dutch forests/nature as well as for the Dutch position in forest/nature policy. With a mix of presentations, workshops and the formal inaugurations of Maria Tengö and Georg Winkel, the event will be packed with inspiration for scientists, experts and people interested in the field of forest and nature.



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Programme Day 1 Thursday November 16th

8:30 Arrival with coffee and tea

9:00 Opening

Maria Tengö, Georg Winkel, and Bas Pedrolí

Part 1: Forest futures

9:10 Forests in the Circular Bioeconomy: a bioeconomy transition vision

Marc Palahi, Circular Bioeconomy Alliance and Lombard Odier Investment Managers

09:35 Forests, Biodiversity and Water: a forest conservation vision

Douglas Sheil, Forest Ecology and Management Group, Wageningen

09:55 Forests under Climate Change: a climate adaptation vision

Gert Jan Nabuurs, Wageningen Environmental Research and Forest Ecology and Management Group

10:15 Forests and local people: a community-based transition vision

Carol Colfer, CIFOR and Cornell University

10:25 Coffee Break

10:55 Plenary discussion including speakers

Koen Arts and Agata Konczal

11:55 Lunch break

Part 2: How to move forward – knowledge and processes for transformative change

12:55 Sustainability transformations in a complex world: shifting perspectives

Belinda Reyers, Pretoria University, South Africa and the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, Sweden

13:15 Knowledge and ethics in sustainability transformations: capacities for pluralism

Guido Caniglia, KLI Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition Research, Austria

13:35 Co-producing sustainability transformations: fostering collective imagination

Josie Chambers, Utrecht University

13:55 Plenary discussion including speakers and wrap up

Jeanne Nel, Wageningen

15:00 Coffee break

16:00 Inauguration Prof. Maria Tengö (Nature College Special Chair in Human-Nature Relationships in the Anthropocene): Towards sustainability – reciprocity and pluralism in human-nature relationships

16:30 Inauguration Prof. Georg Winkel (Chair of Forest and Nature Conservation Policy): The Forest of Ours? Governing forest transitions

17:00 Reception

Programme Day 2: Friday November 17th

08.30 Arrival and coffee/tea

09:00 Interview of Princess Irene by Matthijs Schouten.

09:30 Opening Recap day 1: Discussion of ideas and insights

Rianne Kat, Jeroen Sleijffers, Paul Roncken

10:00 Start of participatory workshops

discussion on statements in relation to presentations of speakers day 1.

11:45 Lunch break and Birgit Elands Thesis Prize award ceremony

Location Gaia 1

13:00 Continuation of workshops

Focused on the action perspective

Participatory workshops:

Workshop Baselines: Forest Ecosystems in the Netherlands

- Sustainable forest management in the Netherlands – Dutch forests facing new challenges – Ute Sass-Klaassen (WUR/VHL) & Jan den Ouden (WUR)
- Space: Planning new forests amongst many other priorities – Nienke Welle (Forest Match Maker Probos)
- The ways we imagine ourselves as part of the forest – Ruben Smit (Ecologist/filmmaker)
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Workshop Action: Forest Use

- Wood in the transition towards a Biobased economy in the Netherlands – Marjan Slob (Philosopher) & Anja Verdonk (Naturfied Architects)
- Nature with Autonomy: the Forest that Belongs to Itself – Stichting “Bos dat van zichzelf is”
- A serving community, mutuality between Human and Nature – Simoon Fransen & Maarten Filius (Creabitat)

Workshop Knowledge: Forest Knowledge and Stewardship

- Cultural and spiritual significance of Nature – Implications for Forest and Nature Conservation – Bas Verschuuren (WUR)
- Continuing a long line of land and forest management – thinking 7 generations ahead – an Estate owner’s vision on the future.
- Knowledge and Stewardship – a special session by the board of NatureCollege

14:30 Feedback session

16:00 Closing event

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