

Conference Announcement

“Managing forests in the 21st century”

3rd - 5th March 2020

at the Potsdam-Institute for Climate Impact Research

Telegrafenberg, 14473 Potsdam, Germany, building A56, conference hall

Forest ecosystems, their products and services play an important role in achieving ambitious climate change mitigation objectives at the same time requiring profound adaptation to climate change. Forest management schemes to support climate action have to be developed within their regional context but also have to be aligned with national or EU-level climate, forest and sustainability policies.

The conference on “Managing forests in the 21st century” is the final conference of the [FORMASAM](#), [REFORCE](#) and [FOREXCLIM](#) research projects. The conference will bring together scientific experts on forest management from all over Europe facing very specific management challenges. The aim is to discuss and improve the understanding the role of forests and forest management in the context of climate change. The conference will address climate change impacts, as well as needs for mitigation and adaptation especially with regard to the following scientific questions:

1. What are the impacts of climate extremes and disturbances?
2. What are the management challenges (and options) for resilient forests?
3. What can we do to increase the contribution of forest management to climate change mitigation?

Registration:

We welcome scientific contributions to the conference. Please submit your abstract related to one of the three themes and indicate whether you want to contribute an oral presentation or a poster. Additionally, we plan an **open session on “The state of Europe’s forests after 2018 and 2019”** for which we invite either scientific contributions but also short videos, picture galleries or any other creative contribution you have in mind. [Registration](#) is open from now on **until 30th November 2019** at <https://eveeno.com/FORMASAM-final-2020>. There are no registration fees for this conference and catering will be provided free of charge during the conference days.

Conference format:

The conference consists of scientific session and a field trip. The conference days will be dedicated to presenting scientific results relevant to the conference themes. The conference language is English. A **webcast** will be set-up to stream the main sessions of the conference.

talk session: 15-minute-talks on conference themes

open session: contributions to the topic “The state of Europe’s forests after 2018 and 2019”

poster session: presentation of posters on conference themes

excursion: to the local forestry district for a discussion about regional management challenges

Participants:

Around 80-100 participants are expected. The conference is open to citizens and society at large and we especially welcome scientists, policy makers, environmental NGOs and other professionals working in the field of forest management and climate change. If you are using social media, please use the **#21centuryforests**

For questions please get in touch with Mariia Bilogub (bilogub@pik-potsdam.de).