

GEF 6th ASSEMBLY SIDE EVENT

The Amazon Sustainable Landscapes (ASL) Program

Monday, June 25, 2018 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm (including cocktails)

Ha Long Room

Furama Resort Hotel - Ariyana Convention Centre

The Amazon forest plays a critical role in global climate regulation as well as in the region's environmental and economic prosperity. It is the single largest repository of biodiversity on the planet, with over 40,000 species of plants, 16,000 known tree species, 2,000 species of mammals and birds, and 2,500 species of fish. One in ten known species in the world lives in Amazonian ecosystems. About 33 million people live in the Amazon watershed, deriving their livelihoods from its forests, rivers, and tributaries. The Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program (ASL Program) was approved by the GEF Council in October 2015, as a pilot Impact Program, with incentives for an integrated regional approach under the Sustainable Forest Management Strategy. With a commitment of US\$113 million of GEF resources and an expected US\$682 million leveraged in additional financing, the ASL Program aims to protect globally significant biodiversity and implement policies to foster sustainable land use and restoration of native vegetation cover.

This side event will provide an overview of the ASL Program and its partnerships with governments, donors, implementing and executing agencies. The event is organized by the World Bank Group (WBG), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Agenda

- 1. Welcome:** Dr. Adriana Moreira (ASL Program Coordinator, World Bank)
- 2. GEF Remarks:** Dr. Gustavo Fonseca (Director of Programs, GEF Secretariat)
- 3. High-Level Panel with participant countries and agencies:**

Moderator: Dr. Valerie Hickey (Manager, World Bank)

Panelists:

Brazil: Dr. Jose Pedro de Oliveira Costa (Secretary, Secretariat of Biodiversity).

Colombia: Ms. Angelica Mayolo (Head of International Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Colombia)

Peru: Ms. Lucía Ruiz (Vice Minister, Ministry of Environment, Peru)

Discussants:

- Ms. Midori Paxton (Head Ecosystems and Biodiversity, UNDP)
- Dr. David McCauley (Senior Vice President for Policy and Government Affairs, WWF)
- Dr. Rosa Lemos (CEO, FUNBIO) - representative from National Conservation Trust Funds

- 4. Questions and answers with audience and panelists**
- 5. Closing and Cocktails**