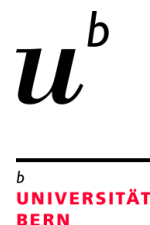


## Stakeholders Conference

# Sustaining Forests in Agricultural Landscapes of West and Central Africa

Venue: Room S 003, UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern



Time	Activities	Responsible
8:45	Welcome and registration	All
9:00 – 9:15	Opening remarks: The SUSTAINFORESTS research project	Prof. Dr. Chinwe Ifejika Speranza
9:15 – 9:30	Keynote address	Prof. Dr. Hugues Abriel, Vice Rector Research, University of Bern

### Break: Group Photo, Coffee & Photo Gallery (20min)

09:50 – 11:00	<b>Presentation session:</b> Small forest patches in West and Central Africa are decreasing in area and number	Dr. Vladimir R. Wingate
	Ecology of forest patches in West and Central Africa - fragmentation effects on forest structure	Samuel Hepner
	Tree communities' diversity and conservation in forest patches outside protected areas in West and Central Africa	Georges Alex Agonvonon
	Fusing UAV Lidar and multispectral data to map forest disturbance severity and guide collaborative restoration	Chima Iheaturu

### Video documentary of six-month fieldwork in Africa (30 min)

11:30 – 12:20	Forest ecosystem services are important for rural livelihoods despite an increasing agricultural context in West and Central Africa	Paule Pamela Tabi Ekekebil
	Forests in West and Central African climate change mitigation strategies: Is there a role for forest patches?	Dr. David Ellison
	Governance pathways towards sustaining forest in the Tropics and implications for West and Central Africa	Frank Mintah
12:20-12:45	Key remarks from Embassy representatives and participants	Prof. Felicia O. Akinyemi, Karlstad University, Sweden

### Lunch break & Photo Exhibition (1hr 30min)

14:15-15:50	Panel Discussion and Knowledge Sharing: Comments on research findings presented and related insights Policy strategies/directions for sustaining forests and livelihoods Opportunities for enhancing collaborations	Discussants: Prof. Dr. Brice Sinsin, Univ. of Abomey-Calavi, Benin Prof. Francis Bisong, Univ. of Calabar, Nigeria Dr. Enobasi Deborah Anwana, Univ. of Uyo, Nigeria Prof. Koffi Koudouvo, Univ. of Lome, Togo Dr. Denis Sonwa, CIFOR-ICRAF, Cameroon
15:50	Closing remarks	Dr. Giulia Curatola Fernández

### Coffee and Networking

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