

Silviculture for climate change resilience

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The incidence of climate related events is increasing so what does this mean for global trends in forest management and silvicultural practice? To address various climate related risks the management of planted forests must become more adaptable, enabling adjustments in response to changing conditions and operating contexts to ensure the continuing supply of benefits from forests.

The purpose of this flyer is to gather interest in such an event and to encourage feedback on timing and the scope of agenda to feed into an application for an OECD cooperative research programme conference proposal in September 2025. <https://www.oecd.org/agriculture/crp/conferences/>

This conference is intended to bring researchers from around the world together to focus on this global issue and interact with local forest managers and other interested forestry stakeholders. It will provide a forum to discuss and compare current approaches to manage risk while enhancing and protecting the values our forests provide. The conference will include a field trip to view the impact of recent extreme events to foster discussion about future silviculture management to address climate related events in general.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Understanding extreme events and their impacts
- Silviculture for resilience at the stand and forest estate level
- Theories around climate change adaption, what options are being pursued elsewhere?
- Sharing principles and strategies – silviculture for resilience focused on developing short, medium vs long term plans for adaptive responses to extreme climatic events

We look forward to welcoming you
in New Zealand

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