



INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FAST-GROWING TREES

Wednesday, 18 June 2025 | 14:00 – 15:30 hours (CEST)

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Background

Fast-growing trees (FGTs) represent an important source of income and generate a wide range of ecosystem services that enhance resilience, improve livelihoods, absorb and store carbon, and promote human well-being, to name just a few of their many benefits. They are essential to advancing the objectives of the UN Decades of Ecosystem Restoration and Family Farming, as well as fostering progress toward greener cities. Thanks to their fast growth, high efficiency in functional ecophysiology, and ability to adapt to poor ecological conditions they are a critical element of the world's response to the global developmental challenges.

The International Commission on Poplars and Other Fast-Growing Trees Sustaining People and the Environment (IPC), a statutory body of FAO, focuses on advancing knowledge and policy on the environmental and socioeconomic dimensions of FGT cultivation. As part of its mission, the IPC has developed a new publication on innovative practices in the sustainable management of fast-growing trees, drawing on global experiences with poplars, willows, and other species.

Objectives

The webinar will:

- Introduce the IPC's latest publication, [Innovative Practices in the Sustainable Management of Fast-Growing Trees](#)



- Discuss the perspectives of IPC Member and non-Member countries on advancing cultivation of fast-growing trees in their respective settings and the lessons learned present in the publication.
- Contribute to disseminate information on the work of the IPC Working Parties and to strengthen their collaboration with global, regional and national networks focused on FGTs.

Target Audience

- Forestry and agroforestry practitioners
- Policy makers and government representatives
- Researchers and academics
- Private sector actors in forestry and bioeconomy
- IPC members and stakeholders

Agenda

- **Introduction**
Thais Linhares-Juvenal - Secretary of the IPC, FAO
- **Opening remarks**
Joris van Acker - Chair of the IPC Executive Committee
- **Introduction to the publication** [Innovative Practices in the Sustainable Management of Fast-Growing Trees](#)
Ronald Zalesny - Chair of the IPC Working Party Environmental and Ecosystem Services



Fabio Salbitano – Professor, Department of Agriculture, University of Sassari, Italy

- **Panel discussion**

Adriana Maugeri – President, Brazilian Planted Forests Sectoral Chamber - Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA), Brazil

Issa Katwesige - Assistant Commissioner for Forestry, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda

Jianjun Hu - Professor, Research Institute of Forestry, Chinese Academy of Forestry, China

Flor Alvarez Taboada - Professor, University of Leon, Spain

- **Questions and Answers**

Moderated by Thais Linhares-Juvenal

- **Conclusion and closure**

Raju Soolanayakanahally – Chair of the IPC Working Party on Genetic Resources