

# **CONFERENCE BOOKLET**

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#### **Sunday, 19 May 2024**

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#### Monday, 20 May 2024

Registration

7:30-9:00

**Introduction and Welcome** 

8:00-8:15 Rafał Chudy, FBA

Session I: Wood Industry - The Future of Wood

Session Chair: Rafał Chudy, FBA

China's Plantations, Log and Lumber Demand/Supply Development and Price Outlook 8:15 – 8:35 Janne Antikainen, Margules Groome (online)

Automate or Die - Napiwoda Sawmill Case Study.

8:35 – 8:55 Maciej Remuszko, Tartak Napiwoda

The new uses of wood and the supply chain ready for it.

8:55 - 9:15 Dick Carmical, The Price Companies

9:20 – 10:40 PANEL: Mobilizing Finance for Forests, Climate and Biodiversity Conservation.

Session Chair: Elena Koycheva, CAIA

#### **Panelists:**

- Peter Chappell, Finnfund
- Céline Claudon, IWC
- Martin Davies, Nuveen Natural Capital
- Shauna Matkovich, The ForestLink
- Tianhan Ji, FMO

10:40-11:05 Dessert Networking Session

**Session II: Investing in Nature** 

Session Chair: Shauna Matkovich, The ForestLink

Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Change: Carbon Removals & Trees

11:05 - 11:25 Vladislav Vejnovic, TREEO/Fairventures Digital

**Ecoacoustics Monitoring Approach and Experiences** 

11:25 - 11:45 Thomas Asbeck, Unique Land Use



The Rising Cost of Natural Catastrophe Market Capital and What this Means for the Future of Forestry Insurance.

11:45 – 12:05 Gordon Steward, DUAL Group

**Climate-related Disclosures - Impact and Application for Forestry Companies** 

12:05 - 12:25 Charl de Villiers & Jonathan Dash, Margules Groome

**Improved Forest Management and the Carbon Market** 

12:25 – 12:45 Tomás Stocker, Anew Climate

12:45-14:05 Lunch

**Session III: New Technologies in Forestry** 

Session Chair: Franziska Scott, Rhizocore Technologies

Wildfire Detection and Monitoring from Space

14:05 – 14:25 Mariana Bussolo Stang, OroraTech

Bringing Intelligence to the Balancing Act: Timber Revenue, Carbon, and ESG

14:25 - 14:45 **Doug Jones, Remsoft** 

Safe and Effective EU Deforestation Regulation Execution

14:45 – 15:05 Swapan Chaudhuri, Deeplai

Forest Health Monitoring - Early Detection of Bark Beetle Infestations

15:05 - 15:25 Mika Korvenranta, CollectiveCrunch

15:25–16:00 **Dessert Networking Session** 

16:00-19:00 Relax and Business Meetings

19:00 Gala Dinner



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#### **Tuesday, 21 May 2024**

9:00 – 10:30 ECOBASE PANEL: Realizing the Value of Carbon and Biodiversity Credits

in Forest Investments

Session Chair: Jacek Siry, University of Georgia

#### Panelists:

• Jaan Sepping, Ecobase

• Matthew Aghai, Mast Reforestation

• Krzysztof Wypij, Bureau Veritas

• Martin Baker, Anew

10:30-11:00 **Dessert Networking Session** 

**Session IV: Natural Capital & Forestry Investments** 

Session Chair: Bob Izlar, University of Georgia

Sustainable Forest Investments: Measuring Biodiversity and Shaping the Future of Impact Investing

11:00 – 11:20 Tapani Pahkasalo, Dasos Capital

Timberland Investment Management Organizations and Carbon Credits in Plantation Forestry - State of the Art and Prospects

11:20 – 11:40 Timm Tennigkeit, Unique Land Use

**Reducing Climate Risk - Guide for Investors** 

11:40 – 12:00 Phil Cottle, ForestRe

**Timberland Investments in the Pacific North West (PNW)** 

12:00 – 12:20 Gareth Waugh, Port Blakely

A case study on establishing institutional teak investment in Colombia

12:20 – 12:40 Michael Hayden, Scellec Teca

Regulatory Trends Affecting Private Timberland Investment in the USA

12:40 – 13:00 **Lawson Fite, Schwabe** 

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch** 



**Session V: Applied Science** 

Moderator: Camila Quintana, University of Georgia

South America's Role in International Forest Trade: an Overview of the Main Exporters

14:00 – 14:20 Virginia Morales Olmos, University of the Republic (online)

The Issuance of Green Bonds by Timberland and Forestry Companies

14:20 – 14:40 Andreas Stephan, Linnaeus University

Impact of Carbon Offset Programs on Timber Supply: A Study Case on the US South.

14:40 - 15:00 Bruno Kanieski da Silva, University of Georgia

Developing Precision Planting Tools for Heterobasidion annosum infected Norway Spruce Stands

15:00-15:20 Kevin Boston, University of Arkansas at Monticello

**Global Forest Investments: Returns, Costs and Carbon Offsets** 

15:20-15:40 Frederick Cubbage, North Carolina State University (online)

**Closing Remarks** 

15:40 - 16:00 Karolina Chudy, FBA

16.00 - 18:00 Fruit Break and Business Meetings

Wednesday, 22 May 2024

Departure from Sopot

Please, note that the agenda is subject to change, and will be updated continuously up to the conference. If you have any comments or questions directly to the programme, please contact Rafal Chudy, who is coordinating the programme: <a href="mailto:rafal@forest-analytics.com">rafal@forest-analytics.com</a>

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# Wood Industry - The Future of Wood

### JANNE ANTIKAINEN CONSULTANT, MARGULES GROOME



Janne is a forestry professional with almost 10 years of experience across forestry operations and consulting. Janne joined Margules Groome in late 2017 and is based in Auckland, New Zealand. His key knowledge areas include appraisals, due diligence, operations and cost benchmarking, ecosystem services, and market analysis.

Janne has during his career lived in Finland, Switzerland and New Zealand and work has taken him to various countries in Europe, Asia, and Oceania. His previous positions include Research Assistant for the University of Helsinki and running the finances of a student-owned forest company in Finland.

#### MACIEJ REMUSZKO

CEO, NAPIWODA SAWMILL



Maciek Remuszko is the CEO of Napiwoda Sawmill in Poland which delivers pine timber mainly to window and furniture factories for 75 years. He is managing: log procurement for 18 years, people for 17 years, production for 16 years, factory for 13 years, and company for 9 years.

He is using knowledge gained from experience and from good teachers he met on his way. He is very happy that he was studying forestry although he is not using forestry knowledge at work.

#### **DICK CARMICAL**

#### **CEO, THE PRICE COMPANIES**



Dick Carmical is a CEO of The Price Companies. Price is the largest wood processor in the United States. Producing over 1,000,000 truckloads of wood annually. Price has been involved in all links of the wood supply chain. From land owner – logger – trucking – outsourced processing – consuming mill. Price is recognized as a leader in designing, providing the capital, and operating efficient, sustainable wood and biomass supply chains.

Dick is the past Chairman of the Forest Resources Association, Executive Board Member of the American Forest and Paper Association, and various conservation groups. Price's land management and wise use conservation programs are national award winning.

# PANEL: Mobilizing Finance for Forests, Climate and Biodiversity Conservation

### ELENA KOYCHEVA HEAD OF THE CAIA LONDON CHAPTER



Elena is Head of the CAIA London Chapter and is a Board member of the CFA UK Society, where she also chairs the Sustainability Board-level committee and is a member of the Nomination Committee and the Volunteer Implementation Working Group.

Throughout her career Elena has developed experience in the areas of ESG, responsible investing, fixed income, multi-asset, alternative and traditional investments in both business development and investment roles.

#### PETER CHAPPELL

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER, FINNFUND



Peter is a forester come financier who currently works as an investment manager at Finnfund, the Finnish development finance institution based out of Helsinki. His current role includes both origination and management of equity, debt and mezzanine transactions for the private sector in the forestry and agriculture value chains globally.

Previously he undertook various roles in the UK and Finland in timber harvesting, forest management and forestry investment. He has degrees in variants of forest studies from the University of Aberdeen Scotland, Imperial College London and the University of Applied Sciences Tampere, Finland.

### CÉLINE CLAUDON CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER, IWC



Céline Claudon joined IWC in 2005 and is today Chief Commercial Officer, being responsible for IWC's commercial strategy together with IWC's CEO, and leading IWC's marketing of IWC's products and services. Prior to this role, Céline was coleading IWC's Timberland Investment Advisory (TIA) team, and especially focused her efforts on relationships with institutional investors and identifying and evaluating external managers as well as selecting fund, secondary, co-investment, and separate account investment opportunities.

Céline is a member of IWC's Executive Committee, Sustainability Committee, and Business Development Committee. Céline holds an MBA from the University of Northern Iowa, USA, and a Master in Finance from the University of Paris-Sud, France.

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#### **MARTIN DAVIES**

#### GLOBAL HEAD, NUVEEN NATURAL CAPITAL



An Agricultural graduate of The University of Reading, after 13 years with the Cooperative Group Farms in the UK, latterly as Head of Farming Operations, Martin spent 5 years working on investment projects for private investors in Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine.

Prior to joining Nuveen Natural Capital, he was Head of Farmland Investment for Bank of New York Mellon's subsidiary Insight Investment where he ran a \$250m farmland strategy, investing in Australia, NZ, Chile, Poland and Romania. Martin was Chairman of the 2017 Oxford Farming Conference, is a 2006 Nuffield Scholar and is a trustee of Nuffield International, whom he represents at the Private Sector Mechanism, part of the Committee for Food Security at the FAO in Rome.

#### **SHAUNA MATKOVICH**

#### FOUNDING DIRECTOR, THE FORESTLINK



Shauna Matkovich is a Forester and sustainability expert with 20 years working in sustainable forest management, forest investment management, business development and ESG and impact management. Shauna is the Founding Director of The ForestLink, a consultancy and advisory provider – helping TIMOs improve their sustainability credentials and asset managers new to the asset class role out ESG and impact integrated forest investment strategies.

She is passionate about the power of private investment to improve forest management and develop sustainable forest industries in tropical forest geographies.

#### **TIANHAN JI**

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER, FMO**



Tianhan Ji, CFA, is an investment manager in the Forestry team at FMO. She holds MSc Finance degree from University of Groningen and BBA Finance degree from Hong Kong Baptist University. Over the last 7 years, she has been responsible for identifying and structuring debt, mezzanine and equity financings to corporates and funds in the agribusiness and forestry sectors in Asia, Africa and Latin America. She has successfully contracted 19 agribusiness and forestry transactions in various regions totalling USD 358 million over the last years.

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# Investing in Nature

#### **VLADISLAV VEJNOVIC**

#### CLIMATE PARTNERSHIPS DIRECTOR, TREEO | FAIRVENTURES DIGITAL



Vladislav is a highly motivated professional passionate about various climate change, land use, and sustainability topics. With a background in European forestry, Vladislav possesses experience working with international leading organizations across different sectors. Before joining TREEO as a Climate Partnerships Director, he excelled in the certification and standard development matters at FSC International in Bonn, Germany.

He brings a wealth of experience from the field, working in the private forestry sector in East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania). Vladislav has a keen interest in the global carbon markets and is determined to create sustainable climate solutions for smallholder farmers.

#### **THOMAS ASBECK**

#### DEPUTY HEAD OF THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT, UNIQUE LAND USE



Thomas Asbeck is deputy head of the Forestry department at Unique land use Germany. He holds a PhD in forest management and conservation (Dr. rer. nat.). After more than five years of scientific experience, he mainly specialized in integrative land use management systems under climate change scenarios. Furthermore, data acquisition and analyses from biodiversity surveys are a focus of his work.

He specializes in linking forest management and biodiversity conservation through habitat structures at the landscape and tree level. His experience in the field includes ecoacoustic monitoring in Paraguay in forest landscape restoration projects and the associated data analyses and presentation.

#### **GORDON STEWARD**

#### MANAGING DIRECTOR - FORESTRY, DUAL GROUP



Gordon Steward has worked within the UK retail, London market, Lloyd's and international insurance markets for over 38 years. He is recognised as one of the leading forestry insurance underwriters in this unique class of business and commands an in-depth global knowledge of the forestry industry.

# Investing in Nature

#### **CHARL DE VILLIERS**

#### **DIRECTOR, MARGULES GROOME**



Charl is a forestry professional with over 25 years' experience advising and supporting investment and industry clients. This includes investment/divestment support, appraisals, asset performance assessments, investor reviews, wood market studies and resource utilisation strategies.

Charl joined Margules Groome in early 2018. His previous positions included Principal and Head of the Forestry Team at Pöyry Management Consulting in London (now AFRY), Planning Manager at Ernslaw One in New Zealand and Technical Manager for Masonite Forestry in South Africa. Charl currently heads Margules Groome's European office based in the Netherlands.

#### **JONATHAN DASH**

#### SENIOR CONSULTANT, MARGULES GROOM



Jonathan is a professional forester and forestry scientist with extensive experience in both the commercial and research sectors. He holds a BSc (Hons), an MSc with distinction in forest growth and yield modelling and a PhD in Forestry (University of Canterbury, NZ).

Prior to joining Margules Groome Jonathan was a Senior Scientist at Scion (New Zealand Forest Research Institute) he focussed on integrating novel remote sensing tools into forest measurement and monitoring systems for the commercial forestry sector.

#### **TOMÁS STOCKER**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS DIRECTOR, ANEW CLIMATE**



Tomás Stocker works at Anew Climate as Environmental Products Director. He is responsible for the EU expansion of the Anew, North America's largest environmental commodity company.

Tomás has a BA in international affairs, a master's in environmental management, a master's in business administration and a postgraduate degree in climate finance. He has 15+ years of experience working on sustainability, of which the past 5 have been fully dedicated to carbon.

# New Technologies in Forestry

### MARIANA BUSSOLO STANG PARTNER MANAGER, ORORATECH



Mariana possesses 8 years of work experience, driven by her personal and professional commitment to long-term sustainability, she has collaborated closely with forestry and agricultural companies, fire departments, and non-governmental organizations. Mariana began her career in Brazil, where she focused on planning forest operations. She subsequently spent time in the United States working on natural resource projects.

After two years as a researcher in Portugal, and a brief period in Italy, she relocated to Germany in 2020, where she currently holds a key position as Partner Manager at OroraTech, a leading thermal-infrared data intelligence company based in Munich.

## DOUG JONES PRESIDENT, REMSOFT



Doug leads the Remsoft team, and he plays a key role in the company's strategic direction and growth initiatives. With over 20 years of experience in strategic forest and environmental planning, Doug is a thought leader and global speaker who brings a deep understanding of forest industry technology and trends.

Prior to joining Remsoft, Doug was Technical Lead on strategic forest and environmental planning with Weyerhaeuser Saskatchewan and worked with The Forest Technology Group, a consultancy based out of Charleston, South Carolina. He holds a Master of Forestry from the University of New Brunswick and Honours BA Geography from the University of Western Ontario.

#### **SWAPAN CHAUDHURI**

#### CEO/COFOUNDER, DEEPLAI



Over 20 years' experience as Senior Executive at Xerox, Kodak, Videojet Technologies (Danaher) in Central Easter Europe Region. Gathered knowledge in digital printing, related software workflows, image sourcing and processing, product identification and traceability, introducing and implementing innovative solutions and processes.

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#### **MIKA KORVENRANTA**

#### CHIEF PRODUCT OFFICER, COLLECTIVECRUNCH



Mr Mika Korvenranta is Chief Product Officer at CollectiveCrunch. Mika has over 10 years of experience in the forest industry with a specialization in digitalization. Mika has a proven track record of leading new digitalization innovation topics into operative business successfully in an efficient way. He is passionate about driving sustainability-related topics forward.

Before joining CollectiveCrunch Mika was leading a precision forestry-related digitalization development portfolio. Mika holds a Master's degree in geography with a geographic information science focus towards forestry and sustainability.

# ECOBASE PANEL: Realizing the Value of Carbon and Biodiversity Credits in Forest Investments

### JACEK SIRY PROFESSOR IN FOREST ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



Dr. Siry's expertise includes international investments and finance, business management, and policy; wood products trade, availability, and costs; and forest management across the world's leading wood supply regions. His research is focused on the global competitiveness of forest industries, international forest investments, timber market modeling, and forest management efficiency.

Currently, Dr. Siry is Stuckey Timberland Professor of Forest Economics and Taxation, The Harley Langdale Jr. Center for Forest Business, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia, USA.

#### **JAAN SEPPING**

#### **CEO & FOUNDER, ECOBASE**



Jaan Sepping is the CEO and founder of Ecobase, an Estonia-based, European forestry carbon project developer, which he set up in 2021, with the goal to unlock carbon finance for European landowners and accelerate the potential for climate action in Europe via natural carbon sinks.

Ecobase runs the largest European Afforestation/Reforestation carbon project, having partnered with landowners across 19 countries. The company also launched an Improved Forest Management program during 2023. Ecobase sees itself becoming a trusted carbon project adviser and developer to its landowners, offering them a wider suite of services and solutions. Prior to Ecobase, Jaan worked for 7 years in investment banking in Vienna and London.

#### **MATTHEW AGHAI**

#### CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER, MAST REFORESTATION



Matthew Aghai is a climate tech leader with over two decades of experience in global reforestation and natural resource management across public, private, and academic sectors.

Currently serving as Chief Science Officer at Mast Reforestation, he leads teams innovating in forest restoration, forestry supply chains, and developing natural capital markets for sustaining restoration and non-extractive resource management economies.

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#### **KRZYSZTOF WYPIJ**

#### FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION TECHNICAL MANAGER, BUREAU VERITAS



Krzysztof Wypij is a Forest Management Certification Technical Manager in the Bureau Veritas. He has more than 15 years of experience as a forester and forest management auditor. Prior to the current position, Krzysztof worked as forest management auditor in Bureau Veritas where he served as EU Timber Regulation expert and technical reviewer, as a lead auditor trainer for forest management certification in the SGS, forestry specialist at BPS company in Denmark, or forest management operations officer in Toruń Forest District at National Forest Holding "State Forests" in Poland. Krzysztof obtained Master degrees at the University of Life Sciences in Poznań and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

#### **MARTIN BAKER**

#### SENIOR DIRECTOR OF NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS, ANEW CLIMATE



Martin is the Senior Director of Natural Climate Solutions for Anew Climate, a global environmental commodities company offering climate mitigation products and services to corporate and institutional clients across a range of sectors. Martin has extensive knowledge on carbon and biodiversity markets and is responsible for developing partnerships with private forest owners and managers to design large-scale, investment-ready, nature-based projects that deliver significant climate and biodiversity benefits, all while creating financial returns for landowners. Martin holds a BSc in Environmental Management from Sheffield Hallam University and a MSt in Sustainability Leadership from the University of Cambridge, UK.





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Shauna Matkovich, Founding Director





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# Natural Capital & Forestry Investments

### TAPANI PAHKASALO PARTNER, DASOS CAPITAL



Mr Tapani Pahkasalo is a Partner at Dasos Capital and a natural resources investment professional with plenty of forestry field experience from Europe, Latin America, Russia, China and Africa. At Dasos he is involved in fundraising, due diligence, deal sourcing and in sustainable forest asset management.

Prior to joining Dasos, he worked for a Central European private equity manager as a Director of Timberland Portfolio Management, and as a VP for a timberland fund. He started his career in forest industry consulting, working with investment strategies, feasibility studies and had a leading role in asset valuations. He holds a M.Sc. in Forest Economics from the University of Helsinki.

#### **TIMM TENNIGKEIT**

#### MANAGING DIRECTOR, UNIQUE LAND USE



Dr. Timm Tennigkeit is the Managing Director of unique land use. He has more than 20 years of experiences in both forestry and carbon finance investments. He developed a number of successful carbon forestry projects and provides strategic advise to pioneering funds and leading industry players in this space. Timm holds a PhD in Forestry Sciences from Freiburg University, Germany.

#### PHIL COTTLE

#### **HEAD OF FORESTRY, FORESTRE**



Experienced in assessing crop and forest risk over 25 years, the unit price risk, model worst case scenarios and design new insurance products and procedures for all tree-types including carbon and other ecosystem services. Believing that forestry was the only at-scale solution to slowing climate change, our mission has always been to de-risk investment into all forms of forestry made by individuals, companies, institutions and governments, including community reforestation schemes. In his early career, Phil was in agricultural extension & training among peoples of the Pacific islands, Central Africa and in the UK.

# Natural Capital & Forestry Investments

#### **GARETH WAUGH**

#### VICE PRESIDENT, PORT BLAKELY



Gareth Waugh serves as the Vice President of Port Blakely's US Forestry Division. He has a 24-year tenure with the company in the United States and in his native New Zealand. In his role, Gareth provides leadership for the Wildlife, Operations, and Resources teams at Port Blakely, aligning their efforts with the organization's mission of cultivating a healthy world guided by values of stewardship and respect.

Gareth is an alumnus of the University of Washington, where he earned his MBA, and the University of Canterbury, where he holds a degree in Forestry Science and Commerce. Additionally, he graduated from the Washington-based AgForestry Leadership program as part of the Class 40 cohort.

#### **MICHAEL HAYDEN**

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SCELLEC TECA



Michael is the CEO of Scellec Teca Limited. He is also a Director of Scellec Teca Esp Investments SL, Scellec Teca Colombia SAS and Scellec Caribe SAS. He cofounded and established Scellec Teca with the late Dr. Eddie O'Connor in Dec 2018, which has since being developed into an organisation employing over 324 employees in Colombia.

Michael's background is in project finance, corporate finance, investment risk and agribusiness banking. He has worked overseas in project finance in New Mexico, the middle east, and as a volunteer in Rwanda. Michael holds a BA in Economics and an MBA from University College Dublin. He also holds an ACCA Certified Diploma in Accounting and Finance and was previously a registered representative of the Irish Stock Exchange.

#### **LAWSON FITE**

#### PARTNER, SCHWABE



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Lawson Fite is a partner with Schwabe. For over 15 years, Lawson has successfully represented clients in energy, agriculture, forestry, and shipping, in both regulatory and litigation matters. He leads Marten Law's forestry practice, serving forest landowners, manufacturers and other stakeholders.

Lawson began his career at the US Department of Justice with a focus on endangered species and wildlife issues. Lawson received a Special Achievement Award in 2009 from US Attorney General Eric H. Holder. He also represented the US Coast Guard in litigation relating to the response to the Deepwater Horizon spill. Lawson served as a law clerk for Justice Walter L. Carpeneti of the Alaska Supreme Court. He earned a J.D. degree and an A.B. (cum laude) in environmental science and public policy from Harvard University.

# Applied Science

#### **VIRGINIA MORALES OLMOS**

#### ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF THE REPUBLIC



Virginia Morales Olmos is an Adjunct Professor at the University of the Republic in the Departments of Economics in Tacuarembó (Uruguay). Her research covers economic impact analysis of forest sectors, timber investments, forest policy, renewable energies, and agroforestry, with a focus on Latin America. She teaches economics, natural resources economics, and forest economics. She is on the editorial board of the forestry journal Forest Science.

She worked for the National Agricultural Research Institute (INIA), for Weyerhaeuser, and in consultancies for the public and private sectors. She received an undergraduate degree in Economics at the University of the Republic in Uruguay, a Master of Science, and a PhD at the University of Georgia.

#### **ANDREAS STEPHAN**

#### PROFESSOR OF FOREST INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS, LINNEUS UNIVERSITY



Andreas Stephan is professor of Forest Industrial Economics at Linnaeus University, Sweden and has been a professor of Economics and Finance at Jönköping International Business School, Sweden. He graduated with a MSc in Industrial Engineering from Technical University in Berlin and earned a Ph.D. in Economics at Humboldt University Berlin.

Andreas Stephan's research interests are related to climate and forest policies, ESG and financial markets, and green investment and finance. He is an appointed associate editor for the journal Eurasian Economic Review and editorial board member for the journals Business Strategy and the Environment, and the Journal of Forest Business Research.

#### **BRUNO KANIESKI DA SILVA**

#### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



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Dr. Silva is an Assistant Professor at University of Georgia. He conducts collaborative research at the intersection of forest finance and economics, timber supply and carbon markets.

Dr. Silva has a track record of successfully applying cutting-edge methods in harvest schedule models and statistical modeling. His project-related work appeared in top scientific journals like Journal of Forestry Business Research, Forest Policy and Economics, Forest Science, Journal of Forestry, and Computers & Industrial Engineering.

# Applied Science

### KEVIN BOSTON ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FOREST OPERATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS



Kevin Boston (PhD, JD, PE, RPF) has a strong academic and professional background and has earned a BS in forestry from Humboldt State University, Master of Forestry, and Ph.D. in forest engineering from Oregon State University. His JD is from Lewis and Clark College and emphasized environmental and corporate law.

Kevin has significant professional experience as a practicing forester, and it includes both a California Registered Professional Forester and Professional Engineer in Oregon. He has authored over 100 papers and seven books in forest management and engineering.

#### FREDERICK CUBBAGE

#### PROFESSOR IN FOREST ECONOMICS, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY



Fred Cubbage teaches, performs research, and serves the profession in natural resource policy and forest economics.

He has worked at the University of Georgia, the USDA Forest Service, and North Carolina State University. He has authored or co-authored about 550 papers and articles, and 4 books, including a new book in 2022 on Natural Resource Leadership and Management published by Routledge Press.

Fred was the Department Head of Forestry and Environmental Resources at NC State for 10 years, and was the Founder and Co-Director of the Southern Forest Resource Assessment Consortium (SOFAC) for 25 years. Fred was a Fulbright Scholar in Argentina and Uruguay in 2004, and consulted for the World Bank and has cooperated with scientists in Latin America, Vietnam, Laos, and China for two decades. He was President of the Society of American Foresters in 2017.



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