The Art Of Forests

COP 26

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Accelerating Ecosystem Restoration: Finance and Collaboration

The Art of Forests EVENT at Ross Priory, Loch Lomond 4th November 2021

- Master of Ceremonies Celia Francis and Sarah Scott
- In Person Break Out Group Hosts Celia, Florent, & Jill
- Online Break Out Group Hosts Marie-Noelle, Cathy, Ruth, & Sarah
- Set up:
 - o In Person: Theatre style (can break away into circles of 6)
 - o Virtual: Break Out groups of 6 each

| IN Person: 8:00 - 8:30 8:30 - 8:38 8:40 - 9:10 | Breakfast Welcome (Celia) Break Out into 3 Groups of 10 Setting the stage for Friendship Building: connectivity, Intimacy and trust Introduction and check-ins Who am I? How am I feeling today? What is my intention for the day? What can I bring to the group? |
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| 9:10 - 9:17 | Marie-Noelle, CEO, WeForest - Our responsibility as leaders to pave the way for others to replicate what is working. Discussion of the possibility of creating a joint accelerator programme. |
| 9:17 - 9:24 | Florent Kaiser, CEO, Global Forest Generation - 10 lessons from the Andes Mountains about what it takes to scale and what does not work |
| 9:24 - 9:31 | Jill Wagner, Chief Forrester, Terraformation - How we can work together to preserve native biodiversity in seed collections around the world to support scale and quality in projects. |
| 9:31 - 9:38 | Patrick Worms, Senior Science Policy Advisor, ICRAF - Grass roots activation to create entrepreneurial communities around nature based solutions |

| 9:38 - 9:45 | Ed Hewitt, Director of Natural Climate Solutions, Respira - Innovations in carbon financing to fund restoration forestry projects |
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| 9:45 - 10:00 | Questions from the audience |
| 10:00 - 10:05 | Introduction to Group Discussions |
| 10:05 - 10:35 | Breakout One: Capacity building for scale What have we learned about capacity building on-the-ground? What lessons have helped us scale? Has anything held us back? |
| 10:35 - 11:10 | Breakout Two: A fair price for carbon How does a "fair" price of carbon unlock scale for native forest regeneration projects? How might we factor in biodiversity and the social cost of carbon into a fair price? |
| 11:10 - 11:30 | Feedback and discussion ACTION STEPS |
| 11:30 - | HARD STOP - departure for lunch via bus |
| 12:00 | LUNCH - would like to make this intentional friend building - Bring a short story (turning point) that says something about yourself to share in your group at lunch. |
| 2 pm | Optional hike to Conic Hill after lunch plus ritual of unity |

The Art of Forests was founded in 2020 to bring together some of the world's largest ecosystem restoration organisations in a loose coalition to share knowledge and best practice, create a supportive community, We are committed to helping each other scale our ecosystem restoration projects so that both people and planet thrive.

In the Art of Forest group (online and in group calls) we discuss topics of common interest to accelerating *combined* efforts in ecosystem restoration including:

- Short and long term financing options
- Innovations in valuing ecosystem services including biodiversity credits
- Grassroots forestry and leadership capacity building
- Carbon markets evolution matching supply and demand at a price that supports quality, permanence, and scale
- Social and community engagement and governance
- Environmental safeguarding