

Monitoring and sustainable financing for forest and landscape restoration



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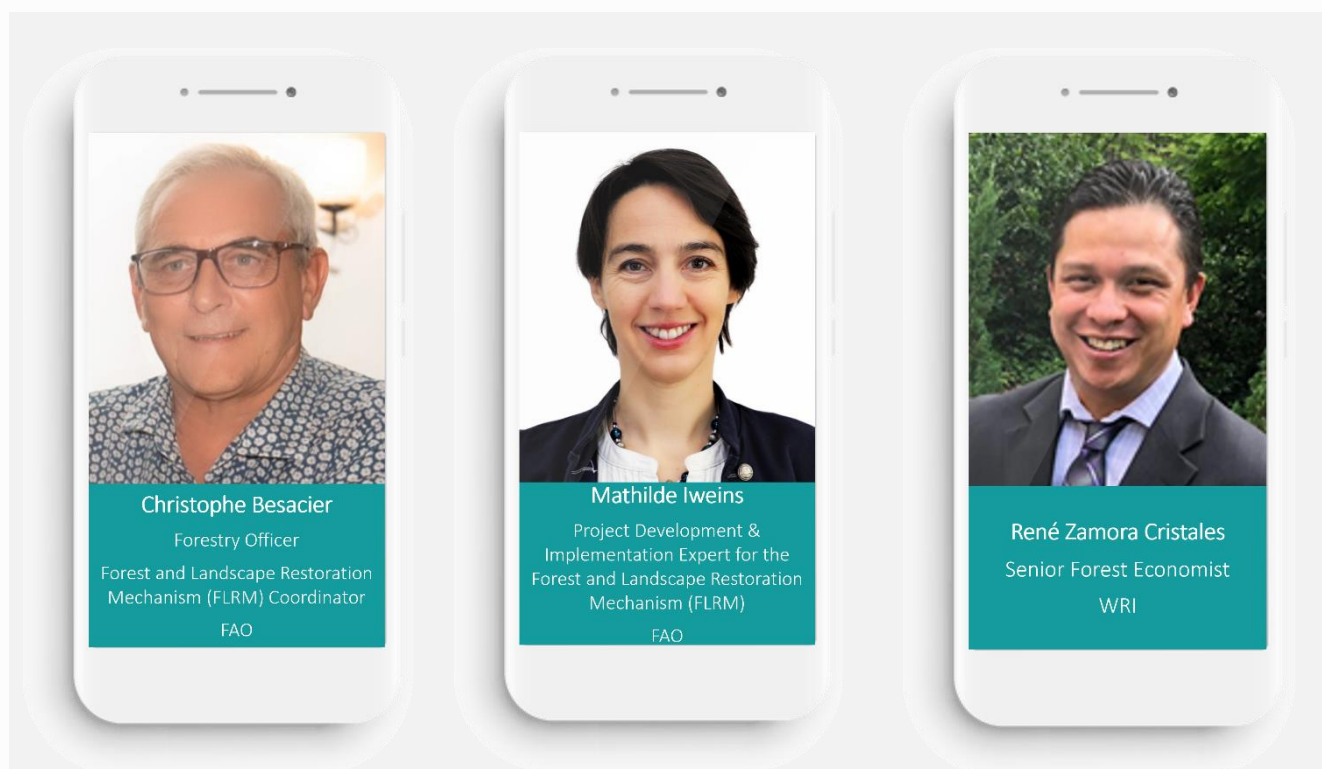
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OBJECTIVES OF THIS SESSION

- Identify tools and processes for planning, implementing and monitoring forest and landscape restoration (FLR) interventions;
- Explain why FLR monitoring is important and the appropriate indicators to meet restoration objectives;
- Describe benefits and costs of FLR financing, as well as different priority areas, types of investor and funding sources.

SPEAKERS

This technical webinar will be delivered by **Mr Christophe Besacier** (FAO), **Ms Mathilde Iweins** (FAO), **Mr René Zamora Cristales** (WRI), and moderated by **Ms Cristina Petracchi**, Leader of the FAO elearning Academy.



Christophe Besacier is a Forestry Officer and currently coordinating the Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism (FLRM) at FAO, where he is providing technical assistance and implementing restoration projects in more than 20 countries. He mobilized resources to scale-up restoration reaching a USD 40 million portfolio with multiple key financial partners. He is involved in major international

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restoration initiatives such as the Bonn Challenge, the GPFLR and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. From 2009 to 2014, he was in charge of Silva Mediterranea. From 2000 to 2009, he worked as regional advisor for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Sahel and the Congo Basin regions.

food security. She worked for NGOs, bi and multilateral agencies, coordinating the design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of field projects linking sustainable natural resources management and long term rural development.

Economics from Oregon State University, USA. In 2019 René received the recognition of "Outstanding Doctoral Research Award" from the International Union of Forest Research Organizations IUFRO. René's work is reflected in more than 30 publications in scientific journals.



Cristina Petracchi
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Cristina Petracchi heads the FAO eLearning Academy. She manages and coordinates the design, development, delivery and language adaptations of an extensive portfolio of eLearning courses and blended learning programmes for the benefit of FAO member countries and is responsible for the creation of University Masters' and Post Graduate Degree Programmes. She engages actively in consolidating partnerships across United Nations agencies, academic institutions and universities, regional organizations, CSOs and NGOs, for capacity development initiatives. In addition to a University Degree in Biological Sciences, Ms Petracchi holds a PhD in Nutrition and Food Science, and has several years of experience of capacity development activities in several countries.

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