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**\*\*\*AUDIO BRIEFING ON FORESTS IN ADVANCE OF  
IPCC LAND REPORT LAUNCH\*\*\***

**Thursday, August 1 at 9:00 a.m. EDT//13:00 GMT//15:00 CST  
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**We Don't Have to Choose Between Forests and Food, Experts to Argue**

*A panel of global experts to explain how we can feed the world while halting and reversing forest loss, critical to cooling the earth's surface, enhancing rainfall and buffering against climate extremes*

Top climate and indigenous experts from Brazil, the US, Germany and the Philippines will argue in a briefing—to be held in advance of the release of the IPCC Special Report on Land—that tropical forests are critical to meeting global climate targets.

Forests and lands already remove a third of the carbon emissions added to the atmosphere each year, and protecting, restoring and expanding forests could provide an additional 25% of the mitigation needed by 2030 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.

But forests also clean air and water, cool the earth's surface and supply rainfall for agriculture nearby and half a world away, enabling us to produce the food we eat. Forests also help buffer against climate change's extreme impacts, including floods and drought, and keep soil healthy.

Experts will lay out how standing forests and thriving food production can co-exist—by improving how we produce food, eating more sustainably (especially when it comes to protein) and reducing food waste. They'll also highlight the special role land rights for Indigenous Peoples play in ensuring that forests—important sources of food, income and shelter to two-thirds of all land-based species—thrive.

**WHAT:** In advance of the IPCC land report launch, leading climate experts and indigenous leaders will explain the critical role of forests in beating the climate crisis—and enhancing food production.

**WHO:**

- **Carlos Nobre (Brazil)**, a senior scientist at the University of São Paulo
- **Katharine Mach (US)**, a Stanford climate researcher starting a position at the University of Miami in August
- **Charlotte Streck (Germany)**, the founder and head of climate think tank Climate Focus
- **Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (Philippines/UN)**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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