



WEBINAR: FOREST INVASIVE SPECIES IN AFRICA

6 DECEMBER, 2022 13:30 - 15:30 SAST

The Forest Invasive Species Network for Africa (FISNA) was established under the auspices of FAO with the aim to coordinate the collation and dissemination of information relating to forest invasive species in sub-Saharan Africa and thereby promote sustainable forest management and conservation of biodiversity. As part of this aim, FISNA in collaboration with the Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (FABI) will host a webinar on 6 December 2022 from 13h30 – 15h30 SAST. In this webinar, various topics of interest, including invasive forest insect pests, pathogens and weeds will be presented by FISNA members and guest presenters. Relevant aspects such as the taxonomy and biology, new occurrences, spread, damage and economic impacts and management of selected forest invasive species will be presented.

Please join us for what is expected to be an informative webinar and feel free to share the invitation among your network!

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AGENDA

13:15	Signing in and system check
13:30	Welcome address - Prof. Brett Hurley, FISNA Coordinator, FABI, University of Pretoria
13:35	Briefing on FAO networks - Dr. Shiroma Sathyapala, Forestry Officer, FAO
13:40	A background to FISNA - Prof. Brett Hurley
13:45	The current status of the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer in South Africa - Dr. Trudy Paap, Research Fellow, FABI, University of Pretoria
13:55	Current status of forest pest infestation in Malawi - Mr. David Moyo, Research Officer, Forestry Research Institute of Malawi
14:05	Wattle rust, <i>Uromycladium acaciae epidemics</i> in Ethiopia - Dr. Mesfin Wondafrash, Postdoctoral Fellow, FABI, University of Pretoria
14:15	Questions and discussion
14:30	Myrtle rust in South Africa: Current status and future risks- Prof. Jolanda Roux, Program Leader, SAPPI Southern Africa
14:40	Biocontrol of <i>Prosopis juliflora</i> in Kenya - Ms. Miriam W. Gathogo, Researcher, Kenya Forestry Research Institute
14:50	Red Alert!!! Invasive Alien Weeds in Zimbabwe - Ms. Idea Albertina Makowe, Forestry Commission, Zimbabwe and MSc student, FABI, University of Pretoria
15:00	TBC - Prof. Paul Bosu or Chris Kwarteng, CSIR, Ghana
15:10	Questions and discussion
15:25	Closing remarks – Prof. Brett Hurley