



# WEBINAR: FOREST INVASIVE SPECIES IN AFRICA

14 MARCH, 2023 13:00 - 15:00 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.

In this webinar, various topics of interest, including invasive forest insect pests, pathogens, and weeds will be presented by FISNA members and guest presenters.

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## AGENDA

12.45	Signing in and system check
13:00	Welcome and background to FISNA – Prof. Brett Hurley, FISNA Coordinator, FABI, University of Pretoria, South Africa
13:05	Towards the development of harmonised biopesticide guidelines for the SADC region – Karen Hope, Program Specialist: Biopesticides, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), South Africa
13:15	FAO Forest Health activities - Dr. Shiroma Sathyapala, Forestry Officer, FAO
13:25	The state of forestry in Benin: an overview of tree health and forest invasive species – Prof Christine Ouinsavi, Forestry Studies and Research Laboratory, University of Parakou, Benin
13:35	Biological control of forest insect pests – Prof Brett Hurley
13:45	Questions and discussion
14:00	Management of dodder weed in Kenya – Miriam W. Gathogo, Researcher, Kenya Forestry Research Institute, Kenya
14:10	New scab disease on <i>Eucalyptus spp.</i> in South Africa – Nam Pham, PhD student, FABI, University of Pretoria, South Africa
14:20	Woody weeds in Tanzania – Dr Revocatus Petro Mushumbusi, Director General Tanzanian Forest Research Institute (TAFORI), Tanzania
14:30	Transport vectors and pathways of forest pests and diseases in Zambia – Dr Donald Chungu, Cavendish University, Zambia
14:40	Questions and discussion
14:55	Closing remarks – Prof. Brett Hurley