



WEBINAR: FOREST INVASIVE SPECIES IN AFRICA

20 JUNE, 2023 13:00 - 15:00 SAST

The Forest Invasive Species Network for Africa (FISNA) was established under the auspices of FAO with the aim of coordinating the collation and dissemination of information relating to forest invasive species in sub-Saharan Africa, thereby promoting 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	FAO Forest Health activities - Dr. Shiroma Sathyapala, Forestry Officer, FAO
13:15	Status and management of less popular invasive woody weeds (<i>Calotropis</i> and <i>Mimosa</i>) in Ethiopia – Dr Agena Tanga, Senior Researcher, Ethiopian Forest Development (EFD), Ethiopia
13:25	An overview of forestry and forest pests and diseases in Uganda – Ronald Kisseka, PhD student and Research Officer, Makerere University/National Forestry Resources Research Institute (NaFORRI), Uganda
13:35	SADC Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) strategy update – Debbie Muir, Specialist Program Manager, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), South Africa
13:45	Questions and discussion
14:00	<i>Ceratocystis</i> species in Africa – Prof Irene Barnes, Associate Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa
14:10	Parasitism of <i>Vitellaria paradoxa</i> in Benin: State of the art and perspectives – Prof Christine Ouinsavi, Forestry Studies and Research Laboratory, University of Parakou, Benin
14:20	Current status of Cypress aphid, <i>Cinara cupressi</i> on <i>Cupressus lusitanica</i> in Ethiopia – Weldesenbet Kassie, Researcher, Ethiopian Forest Development (EFD), Ethiopia
14:30	Questions and discussion
14:45	Closing remarks – Prof. Brett Hurley