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Senator Singh asked:

Senator SINGH: It has been tabled, so I am going to have a detailed amount of information given to me that I can read at my leisure.

Senator Birmingham: I think that all that is being tabled is a list of the ministers attending.

Ms Hoitink: A list of attendees—yes, I can do that. Did you want some information about the kinds of things on the agenda?

Senator SINGH: Thank you, that would be good.

Answer:

Below is a list of Ministers who attended the Summit.

Name	Organisation	Country
YB Pehin Yayha	Minister for Industry and Primary Resources	Brunei Darussalam
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Minister for Forests and Climate Change	Papua New Guinea
The Honourable Osea Naiqamu	Minister of Fisheries & Forests	Fiji
The Honourable Ralph Regenvanu	Minister of Lands, Geology, Mines and Water Resources	Vanuatu
His Excellency Noulinh Sinbandhit	Minister of National Resources and Environment	Lao DPR
Mr Ha Cong Tuang	Vice Minister of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development/General Director of Vietnam Administration of Forestry	Vietnam

Also tabled are the final agendas for the Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summit and Stakeholder Dialogue.

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Stakeholder Dialogue: 11 November 2014

9:30	Welcome to Country Introduction from Special Adviser	
9:50	Plenary Session: Welcome and keynote address from Minister Hunt Keynote address from Minister Yahya of Brunei	
Morning Tea – 10:25 to 10:55		
Parallel Sessions: <i>One minute's silence will be announced by the MCs and observed during these sessions</i>		
10:55 to 12:30	<p><u>THEME 1</u></p> <p>Monitoring forests – the building blocks</p> <p>Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems are essential for effective forest management because they enable informed decision-making.</p> <p>Participants in this session will hear from countries that are developing national MRV systems with assistance from the Global Forest Observations Initiative (GFOI). The session will also include a presentation on Global Forest Watch and a demonstration of a new online decision support tool to assess requirements for building a national MRV system.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Peter Kanowski – Master of University House ANU and Professor of Forestry, Fenner School of Environment & Society</p> <p><u>Panellists include:</u></p> <p>Carly Green – Environmental Accounting Systems (EAS)</p> <p>Crystal Davis – Global Forest Watch (World Resources Institute)</p> <p>Haruni Krisnawati – Indonesian National Carbon Accounting System (INCAS)</p> <p>Jackson Kimani – System for Land-based Emissions Estimation in Kenya (SLEEK)</p>	<p><u>THEME 2</u></p> <p>Combating illegal logging</p> <p>Illegal logging damages forests, communities and economies of producer countries. Every year billions of dollars worth of illegally logged timber and timber products are traded in the Asia-Pacific region.</p> <p>The Asia-Pacific region has focused considerable effort towards reducing illegal logging. This session will highlight successful regional initiatives, identify ongoing barriers and discuss other practical actions.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Mr Nico Padovan, Department of Agriculture</p> <p><u>Panellists include:</u></p> <p>Allison Lewin – The Nature Conservancy (TNC)</p> <p>Qu Guilin – Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet)</p> <p>Ida Bagus Wiradnyana Putra – Alas Kasuma Group</p> <p>Vincent van den Berk – Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Asia Programme (European Forest Institute)</p>
Lunch – 12:30 to 13:30		
12:30 to 13:30	<p>CDP launch – 2014 Global Forests Report</p> <p><i>Room: Ballroom I – Introduced by Deputy Secretary David Parker</i></p> <p>CDP will launch the 2014 Global Forests Report. All Stakeholder Dialogue participants are welcome to attend the launch</p>	
Parallel Sessions:		

	<p><u>THEME 3</u></p> <p>Protecting biodiversity</p> <p>Rainforests cover less than two percent of the Earth’s surface but contain about half of the world’s terrestrial species. Rainforest destruction has contributed to species extinctions across the region and a number of rainforest species are still at risk.</p> <p>This session will discuss the importance of protecting biodiversity and showcase successful regional initiatives in biodiversity conservation, including wildlife corridors and means of attaching economic value to biodiversity.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Gregory Andrews – Threatened Species Commissioner</p> <p><u>Panellists include:</u></p> <p>Andrew Maclean – Wet Tropics Management Authority</p> <p>Leif Cocks – The Orang-utan Project</p> <p>Anwar Purwoto – World Wildlife Fund Indonesia</p> <p>Jessica Graham – Department of State (United States)</p>	<p><u>THEME 4</u></p> <p>Indigenous groups and communities in land use management</p> <p>Rainforests are important for traditional cultures and livelihoods. In the Asia-Pacific region, around 450 million people rely on forests for their livelihoods in some way. Community forestry enables local people to secure long-term rights to use and manage forests sustainably, and to maximise the benefits they receive from those rights.</p> <p>This session will showcase regional examples of indigenous and community involvement in sustainable land and forest management.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Jeff Sayer – Professor of Conservation and Development, James Cook University</p> <p><u>Panellists include:</u></p> <p>Lilian Pintea – Jane Goodall Institute</p> <p>Leah Talbot – Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)</p> <p>Simon Lord – New Britain Palm Oil</p> <p>Tint Lwin Thaug – Centre for People and Forests</p>	<p><u>THEME 5</u></p> <p>Eliminating deforestation from global supply chains and infrastructure</p> <p>The private sector, working with civil society, can protect rainforests by ensuring they use only sustainably produced rainforest products. A number of companies have recently made commitments to eliminate unsustainable forest products from their supply chains.</p> <p>This session will showcase private sector initiatives to eliminate unsustainable rainforest products from the supply chain and the commodity certification schemes that underpin these initiatives.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr Peter Holmgren, Director General of the Centre for International Forestry Research</p> <p><u>Panellists include:</u></p> <p>Aida Greenbury – Asia Pulp and Paper</p> <p>Joshua Levin – World Wildlife Fund (WWF)</p> <p>Mark Gomm – Bunnings Group</p> <p>Charles Barber – World Resources Institute</p>
<p>13:30</p> <p>to</p> <p>15:00</p>	<p>Afternoon Tea</p>		
<p>15:30</p>	<p>Plenary Session:</p> <p>Summary of parallel session from session chairs – facilitated by Minister Hunt</p>		
<p>16:10</p> <p>to</p> <p>16:45</p>	<p>Plenary session: Landscape approaches to maximise social, economic and environmental outcomes</p> <p>Dr Peter Holmgren – Director General, Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)</p> <p>Mr Emmanuel Ze Meka – Executive Director of the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO)</p> <p>Rainforest landscapes have multiple benefits, including protecting biodiversity, natural disaster risk reduction, carbon sequestration and supporting sustainable commercial activity. The landscape approach considers how interconnected rainforest areas can be managed to reap multiple benefits whilst balancing commercial, social and environmental concerns.</p>		

	This session will highlight the benefits of a landscape approach to managing rainforests that enables the preservation of ecosystem biodiversity, and sustains local community livelihoods and economic growth.
16:45 to 16:55	Summary and wrap-up: Special Adviser
17:00	CLOSE
18:30	Rainforest Summit Gala Dinner

Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summit: 12 November 2014

8:45	Welcome to Country Welcome from Special Adviser	Matthew Doyle
9:15	Welcome speech from Minister Hunt: - including summary of Stakeholder Dialogue <i>Introduce and make joint announcement on RAFT funding with:</i> Senator Richard Colbeck, Parliamentary Secretary for Forests Capacity-building in the region & Australia's illegal logging regulation	Minister Hunt Senator Colbeck
9:45	National plans and actions – statements from Ministers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Minister for Forests (Papua New Guinea) • Mr Ha Cong Tuang, Vice-Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development (Vietnam) 	MC introducing
10:15	Morning tea and networking	
10:40	Perspectives from international organisations Speech by UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms Irina Bokova (UNESCO) ○ Dr Peter Holmgren (CIFOR) ○ Mr Zhang Xinsheng (IUCN) ○ Dr Emmanuel Ze Meka (ITTO) 	MC Special Adviser facilitating
11:35	Perspectives from conservation organisations	MC Special Adviser

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated discussion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr Russ Mittermeier, President of Conservation International ○ Mr Dermot O’Gorman, Chief Executive Officer WWF Australia 	facilitating
12:05	<p>National plans and actions – statements from senior officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Adi Susmianto, Director, Centre for Research of Conservation and Rehabilitation, Ministry of Environment and Forestry (Indonesia) • Ms Vera Scholz, Head of Centre for Climate Change, GIZ (Germany) • Mr Soichiro Seki, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment (Japan) • Dr. Chheng Kimsun, Head of the Forestry Administration (Cambodia) 	MC introducing
12:45	Lunch and networking	
1:35	<p>Panel session: industry leaders</p> <p><i>Facilitated discussion with key representatives of industry:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Lord, New Britain Palm Oil • Mr Jeremy Goon, Wilmar • Ms Aida Greenbury, Asian Pulp and Paper 	Special Adviser facilitating
2:15	<p>National plans and actions – statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Fengxue Chen, Vice Minister, State Forestry Administration (China) • Mr Osea Naiqamu, Minister for Fisheries and Forests (Fiji) • Mr Noulinh Sinbandhit, Minister of National Resources and Environment (Lao PDR) • Mr Ralph Regenvanu, Minister of Lands, Geology, Mines and Water Resources (Vanuatu) 	MC introducing
3:15	Asia-Pacific Rainforest Recovery Plan and closing remarks	Minister Hunt
3:35	Wrap up and thank yous	Special Adviser
3:40	World Parks Congress delegates depart for Homebush Afternoon tea reception for other Summit participants	