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Abstract Session 3.3 – Bridging social innovation with forest and landscape restoration.

The search for solutions to adapting and mitigating climate change, prevent mass species extinctions, and improve rural livelihood is one of today's most urgent challenges. To succeed, a large number of social actors have to agree to engage and act collectively on Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR), ensuring its dual goal of restoring ecological functionality and improving people's life quality, based on a landscape approach. Although FLR has gained momentum globally, the experiences so far seem to be unable to completely overcome the socio-economic and governance challenges associated with the design and practical realization of effective initiatives. Market and policy failures - together with the inability of institutions to adapt and promote the structural changes required by society and growing social movements - drive the emergence of Social Innovation (SI). SI can be seen contemporarily as the process and the result of interaction between stakeholders in the construction of solutions to social needs and problems including those tackled by FLR in rural areas. Here, we propose five possible conceptual bridges between FLR and SI, which also represent macro-elements of a long-lasting and transformative Social Innovative Forest and Landscape Restoration (SI-FLR) theory of change, specifying an innovative FLR approach. We also advocate that SI-FLR should attend, firstly, sustainable livelihoods need to ensure the Social-Ecological Systems' long-term resilience. By revealing these connections, we expect to contribute with decision-makers and project managers to improve the FLR initiatives underway and to spark the interest of other researchers to explore the many possibilities of SI-FLR.