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Barron will give a keynote lecture about restoration within the context of shared SER and UNCCD goals, and synergies with the missions of the UNFCCC, CBD and the Sustainable Development Goals.