

10th Karelia Symposium, 16.4.2026, University of Eastern Finland, Auditorium M100

Responsible Future of Wood Use

Programme

8.30	Registration	
9.00	Henrik Heräjärvi, UEF	Welcome
9.05	Päivi Nerg, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland	Opening of the 10th Karelia Symposium
Session 1 – Keynotes, Chair: Henrik Heräjärvi, UEF		
9.20	Lindsey Wickstrom, Mattaforma, USA	Keynote 1: Designing the Forest
10.00	Leena Aarikka-Stenroos, Tampere University	Keynote 2: Towards circular and low-carbon forest industries: Integrating technological, business, and societal perspectives
10.40	Q&A	
10.50	Poster pitching	
11.10	<i>Lunch (participants can purchase lunch from nearby restaurants) poster exhibition, and vote for the best poster</i>	
12.30	Mika Rytky, Kontiotuote Ltd.	Keynote 3: Sustainability as a critical success factor
13.00	Anu Laakkonen & Katri Rusanen, University of Eastern Finland	Keynote 4: What is enough? – Perspectives on responsibility in the Finnish forest-based sector
13.30	Q&A	
Session 2 – Panel discussion, Moderator: Sandra Lupien, UEF / Michigan State University		
13.45	Panel discussion, keynote speakers	
14.30	<i>Coffee</i>	
Session 3 – Student’s presentations, Chair: Ossi Turunen, UEF		
15.00	<p>Previous grant receivers of Teollisuusneuvos Heikki Väänänen’s Fund</p> <p>Akinsuroju Blessing Abiodun: Improving the fixation of caffeine and lignin in Scots pine using tannic acid as a cross-linker</p> <p>Abdul Azeez Hikmat Ariike: Utilization of Wood Components as Food ingredient</p> <p>Taskeen Badar: Biochar and Wastewater Synergistically Enhance Willow Plant Growth and Electricity Generation in Microbial Fuel Cell Systems</p>	
15.45	Publishing of the grant receiver(s) of Teollisuusneuvos Heikki Väänänen’s Fund for 2026 Best poster award	
15.55	Henrik Heräjärvi, UEF. Closing of the symposium	
16.00-17.00	Networking with refreshments	