

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