

# Forests, Climate and Livelihoods in Burkina Faso

**When:** 22nd of May, Seminar 9.00-12.00 and thereafter lunch

**Venue:** Centre for Environment and Sustainability GMV, Aschebergsgatan 44 Göteborg

**Register for the seminar and lunch by sending an e-mail to [maria.olund@gu.se](mailto:maria.olund@gu.se)**

Burkina Faso has one of the poorest populations in the world, of which a majority depends directly on small-scale agroforestry production. With projections showing an increasingly dry and warm climate, Burkina Faso is facing daunting challenges in terms of natural resource governance and sustainable livelihoods. Based on short presentations of current multi-disciplinary research in Burkina Faso, this seminar aims to stimulate a discussion of how these challenges can be approached.

## Seminar program:

**Introduction** by Per Knutsson, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg

**- Line Gordon, Stockholm Resilience Centre:**

*People as potential drivers and beneficiaries of the re-greening in the Sahel*

**- Muriel Cote, University of Edinburgh:**

*Contextualising discussions on institutions: the current forest decentralisation reform in Burkina Faso*

**- Aida Bargaúes Tobella, SLU, Umeå University:**

*Intermediate tree cover maximizes groundwater recharge in the semi-arid tropics*

### Coffee

**- Martin Karlsson, Linköping University:**

*Remote sensing of Sudano-Sahelian vegetation: present capabilities and future research needs*

**- Lisa Westholm, Chalmers:**

*REDD+ in Burkina Faso: an example of global governance in practice*

**- Jenny Friman, University of Gothenburg:**

*Governance, livelihoods and the distribution of natural resources in the Burkina Faso Parklands*

**Concluding discussion** moderated by Per Knutsson

**Lunch** (register for the lunch by e-mail to the Focali project coordinator: [maria.olund@gu.se](mailto:maria.olund@gu.se))

The seminar is co-organised by **Focali** (Forest, Climate and Livelihood research network), **School of Global Studies** at University of Gothenburg and Centre for Environment and Sustainability **GMV**.