



COLLEGE OF NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT
FOREST RESOURCES AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
VIRGINIA TECH™

Spring 2019
Seminar Series

Friday, April 5, 2019

Location: Fralin Auditorium

Seminar 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Refreshments 9:30 AM



Carol Franco

**Senior Research Associate, Department of Forest
Resources and Environmental Conservation,
Virginia Tech**

***Title: The climate change negotiations: What
have we achieved since the Paris Agreement?***

Bio: Dr. Carol Franco has expertise in ecosystem services, REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation), and climate change mitigation and adaptation policies. Dr. Franco has participated in the negotiations of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) since 2012, as a member of the Dominican Republic delegation, negotiating the topics of REDD+, climate financing, and agriculture; she also leads Virginia Tech participation at the UNFCCC. Dr. Franco provided technical expertise in the preparation of the Intended National Determined Contributions, (I)NDCs, of the Dominican Republic; she was the Policy expert in charge of the adaptation component and the land use, land use change and forestry sector of the mitigation component. She is a review editor for the IPCC Assessment Report 6 (AR6), Working Group II: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability-Chapter 2: Terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems and their services. She is also a contributing author to the 'Rural and Urban Environments' of the Assessment on Adaptation Actions to Climate Change in RIOCC countries (RIOCC ADAPT). Dr. Franco served as the Carbon Finance Officer for the UNDP in the Dominican Republic where she provided training and technical support to the Designated National Authority and key private sector market participants and also promoted CDM (Clean Development Mechanism) activities and low carbon intensity projects.