

Stream 3 – Session 1

Title: The role of forests in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
Organizers: ASEAN Social Forestry Network (ASFN) and RECOFTC – The Center for People and Forests
Day/Date: 23 February 2016
Time: 1330 – 1500
Venue Lily room, Fontana Convention Center

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Key messages

- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have recently been launched succeeding largely successful Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), aiming at significant improvement of economic, social and environmental aspects of the world by 2030.
- Forests play a key role in achieving the SDGs. The role of forests in achieving SDGs are clearly indicated in SDG 15 (sustainably manage forests). However, it is also notably that forests play role in those related to ending poverty (SDG1), achieving food security (SDG2), ensuring access to sustainable energy for all (SDG7), promoting sustainable agriculture and food systems (SDG12), and combating climate change (SDG13).
- To achieve SDGs, the role of forests can be optimized if they are managed in a sustainable manner with full commitment and support from all stakeholders, including government and communities.

Session description:

The role of forests in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is clearly defined in its agenda. The mandate is to protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation as well as halt biodiversity loss. Besides supporting SDG 15, forests also contribute directly and indirectly to achieving other SDGs.

Therefore, to move forward with sustainable programs in conservation of forest biodiversity while conceptualizing the essential forest resources aiming for food security is an important agenda to reach by 2030. Mobilization of sources, including capital and human resources i.e. governments and communities at various levels will help the efforts to ensure all human beings can fulfill their utmost state in dignity and equality as expected by SDGs..

Programme

Session Moderators/Facilitators: Dr. Doris Capistrano, Advisor, the ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry and Climate Change (ASFCC)

13.30-13.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome remarks and perspective of the session: A brief introduction on SDGs and the session flow. <i>Dr. Doris Capistrano</i>
13.40-14.00	<p>Regional perspective - Southeast Asia and the Pacific:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sustainable forest management in Southeast Asia and its contribution to SDGs <i>Kyaw Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Director General, Forest Department, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry/ ASFN Leader Myanmar</i>Fair and equitable benefit sharing from the utilization of forest resources in the Pacific <i>Maria Elder-Ratutokarua, Sustainable Land Management Adviser, Land Resources Division Pacific Community, Fiji</i>
14.00-14.20	<p>Stakeholder perspective - government and community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Integration of forest and its biodiversity values into national and local planning and poverty reduction strategies <i>Ricardo L. Calderon, CESO III, Director, Forest Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines.</i>Enhancing capacities of local communities in generating benefits from the forests that are essential for sustainable development <i>Yuliatin, Local community representative from Jember, Indonesia</i>
14.20-14.50	<p>Q&A <i>Facilitated by Dr. Doris Capistrano</i></p>
14.50-15.00	<p>Conclusion and remarks <i>Dr. Doris Capistrano</i></p>

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