

Stream 3 – Session 3

Title: Community based Sustainable Forest Management and Food Security (Our Forest Our Life)
Organizers: Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) in cooperation with the Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme-Asia (NTFP-EP Asia) and the Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA) with support from the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) and Rights Resources Initiative (RRI)
Day/Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2016
Time 0900 – 1030
Venue Lily room, Fontana Convention Center

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Key messages

- Land rights for indigenous peoples is critical in ending poverty, achieving food security and combatting climate change
- Shifting cultivation is a cultural heritage of indigenous peoples that provides enhances biodiversity and provides food security to millions of indigenous peoples in Asia
- Shifting cultivation is a sustainable land use management system of indigenous peoples that needs to be recognized and protected.
- Stop arresting shifting cultivators! Start recognizing shifting cultivation as a sustainable land use management system of indigenous peoples
- Undertake policy review and reform to protect traditional livelihoods of indigenous peoples and farmer communities
- Indigenous women are the managers of sustainable forest conservation practices.

Session description

There are more than 80 million indigenous peoples in Asia practicing shifting cultivation as part of forest conservation and management practices, which is integral to the cultural, spiritual and wellbeing including their food security. However, this sustainable practice is prohibited if not restricted, and the land rights of indigenous peoples are not fully recognized and or protected. Further, small-scale farmers practicing sustainable agroforestry practices for their food security also face insecurity to their lands and livelihoods. It is thereby important to mainstream sustainable practices of indigenous peoples and farmers and initiate partnerships and collaboration to combat climate change and achieve goals of sustainable development, particularly in ending poverty (goal 1), eradication hunger (goal 2) and empowerment of women and girls (goal 5) based on the recognition and protection of their land rights and livelihoods.

Programme

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| 0900-0905 | Introduction and session objectives <i>Ms. Joan Carling</i> |
| 09:05-09:15 | Indigenous Peoples and Shifting Cultivation in the Philippines: Palawan's case on <i>Uma</i> <i>Mr. Edio P. Domino</i> |
| 09.15-09:25 | Roles and Contribution of Indigenous Women in Sustainable Forest Management <i>Ms. Veronica Dung Dung</i> |
| 09:25-09:35 | Results of the research on shifting cultivation, livelihood and food security <i>Mr. Jeffrey Y Campbell</i> |
| 09:35-09:45 | Sustainable Management of Forested Landscapes - Nepali Farmer Experience <i>Mr. Lyam Bahadir Darji, National Land Rights Forum, Nepal</i> |
| 09: 45-10:20 | Q&A |
| 10:20-10:30 | Final message from each speaker and the overall summary of the session <i>Ms. Joan Carling</i> |

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