

Stream 3 – Session 5

Title: “We benefit from the forest...” Getting a fair share in the benefits derived from forests: Approaches and Tools

Organizers: Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme-Asia (NTFP-EP Asia) in cooperation with the Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA) and the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) with support from the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF)

Day/Date: 24 February 2016

Time: 1330 – 1500

Venue Lily room, Fontana Convention Center

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Key messages

- Locally controlled forests involve over 1 billion people and one quarter of the world’s forests, providing \$75 – \$100 billion per year in goods and services and a broad range of other economic, environmental, social, cultural, and spiritual benefits, according to a study conducted by FAO, IUCN, IIED and the World Bank in 2012.
- In the Asia-Pacific region, an estimated 450 million people depend on forests for their livelihoods – for both income and non-income benefits.
- Small producers and community forest enterprises are negatively impacted by competition and absence of market linkages. This situation calls to build the capacity and establish an enabling policy environment to support them.
- Improvement in the living conditions of farmers, producers, indigenous peoples and local communities depends on fair and sustained access to the benefits derived from forests.
- Access to market, sustained linkages, and equitable benefit sharing options provides enabling conditions for communities to sustain the benefits from the forest.
- Unlocking and sustaining these benefits will also require a closer look into issues such as tenure, ownership and rights, forest product utilization, permitting, and taxes, among others.

Session description

The session will feature community best practices, experiences, and voices on accessing benefits from forests, development and implementation of benefit sharing agreements, and sustaining these benefits from the forests. Community representative speakers will share their stories on how they are addressing the constraints in ensuring fair market prices, access to markets, and securing a better position in forest value chains. Examples of benefit sharing mechanisms, tools and schemes will be shared from network of forest harvesters, gatherers, community based/small forest enterprises, farmers and indigenous peoples. The session will then conclude with recommendations on appropriate, community-based processes and mechanisms for equitable sharing of forest benefits that will truly benefit these communities. At the end of this session, participants will have a better, reinforced understanding of the community livelihood benefits from the forests and the examples of how communities have achieved secured access to these benefits, how these can be shared equitably, and in the long term contribute to achieving key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1 (End poverty in all its forms everywhere) and 15 (Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss).

Programme

Session Moderator/Facilitator: Ms. Edna Maguigad Regional Policy and Governance Adviser of NTFP-EP Asia

13:30-13:35	Opening, Introduction and Objectives of the session – <i>over-all Moderator</i> Ms. Edna Maguigad, <i>Regional Policy and Governance Adviser, NTFP-EP Asia</i>
13:35-13:45	Participatory Guarantee System Experience of Natural, Organic Honey Producers in Indonesia Mr. Eman Sulaeman, <i>Chairperson, Ujung Kulon Farmers' Union, Indonesia</i>
13:45-13:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience in Almaciga resin enterprise development Mr. Rolito Landuan, <i>Business Manager, Samahan ng Palawano ng Amas, Brooke's Pt., Multipurpose Cooperative (SPABP MPC)</i>• Experiences and Challenges on benefit sharing in NTFP enterprises and community forest management Mr. Arnel Ignacio, <i>Coordinator, PASAKAMI Yamang Gubat of Mindoro, Philippines</i>
13:55-14:05	Community Experience from Vietnam (Final topic title TBC) Mr. Duong Hoang Cong, <i>Centre for Sustainable Development in the Mountainous Areas (CSDM) Vietnam</i>
14:05-14:15	Experience in Multi-forest product enterprise and conservation in a community forest enterprise of Cambodia Mr. Khorn Sokhum, <i>Member, Executive Committee, Cambodia Federation for Bee Conservation and Wild Honey Enterprises (CBHE)</i>
14:15-14:30	Perspective and Inputs from different institutions Ms. Cecilia Luttrell, <i>Senior Research Associate, CIFOR</i> For. Olivia Melendrez, <i>REDD-plus Network Coordinator, NTFP-EP Philippines</i>
14:30-14:50	Open Forum/ Question and Answer
14:50-15:00	Synthesis and Closing Remarks Ms. Femy Pinto, <i>Executive Director, NTFP-EP Asia</i>

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