

Expert review meeting
Third Asia-Pacific Forest Sector Outlook Study (APFSOS III)
Kuala Lumpur, 7-8 March

Background

The demand of society on forests has continuously changed. Initially, forests were mainly seen as resources for timber. Overtime, the role of forests has expanded as our society expects various economic, social and environmental products and services from the forests. Forests now are seen as a component of broader landscapes. The interconnectedness of forests to other sectors has become much more understood. Also, there is a better appreciation of the environmental and cultural role of forests. Looking into the future, it is very important for governments, organizations, private sector and other stakeholders to understand the roles of forests and forestry in the next decades. This will help them in designing their interventions, investments and strategic planning.

In the past, in collaboration with governments and partners, FAO has undertaken regional and global outlook studies to assess how the future is likely to unfold and to identify challenges and opportunities that are likely to emerge. FAO completed the first Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study (APFSOS I) in 1998 and APFSOS II in 2010. Governments appreciated the results of the studies as they used them for strategic planning at national and sub-national levels. Policy dialogues involving key stakeholders such as private sector, international organizations, donors, youth, etc. on issues such as investment, partnership and priorities in the forestry sector were also informed by the results of these studies. Additionally, various organizations have used the studies for research and capacity building.

While the broad trends outlined in APFSOS II are still valid, there is a need to discuss and provide an overview of the probable paths of forestry development to the year 2030 and beyond. APFSOS III will consider the implications of new international frameworks and agreements, new technologies, the role of youth in the future, the changing pace of globalization, the importance of environmental services and conservation, etc. All of these factors could possibly take forestry along a trajectory different from what was visualized earlier.

An Advisory Committee for APFSOS III consisting of 40 leading experts and representatives of key institutions has been established to provide strategic advice and support for undertaking the APFSOS III. They have met twice in April and November 2019.

Now the drafting of APFSOS III is at the final stage. Before the Advisory Committee Meeting in April 2019, a small expert review meeting will be conducted to review the latest draft of APFSOS III.

Objective of the expert review meeting

While the drafting team have accommodated most of the comments and suggestion from the Advisory Committee, it is important to get more comments from experts who have not been involved in the study. The idea is not to totally change the content of the draft but rather to ensure the report is relevant and interesting for wider audience. The main objectives of the expert review meeting are:

1. To review the draft of APFSOS III and gather comments and suggestion on how the draft can be strengthened and improve its readability
2. To help shape the key messages and recommendations

Tentative agenda

DATE	AGENDA	FACILITATOR/ RESOURCE PERSON
7 March 2019		
0800 – 0830	Registration	APAFRI
0830 – 0845	Welcome and getting to know each other	Thomas Hofer, FAO
0845 – 0910	Introduction to APFSOS III, overall process and progress to date	Thomas Hofer, FAO
0910 – 0930	Main structure of APFSOS III and Chapter 1	Yurdi Yasmi, FAO
0930 – 1000	Key findings Chapter 2 – 3	CTS Nair
1000 – 1030	Coffee break	
1030 – 1115	Q&A Chapter 2 – 3	
1115 – 1145	Key findings Chapter 4 – 5	CTS Nair
1145 – 1230	Q&A Chapter 4 – 5	CTS Nair
1230 – 1345	Lunch	
1345 – 1415	Key findings Chapter 6 – 7	Thomas Hofer
1415 – 1500	Q&A Chapter 6 – 7	Thomas Hofer
1500 – 1530	Coffee break	
1530 – 1600	Key findings Chapter 8 – 9	Yurdi Yasmi
1600 – 1645	Q&A chapter 8 – 9	
8 March 2019		
0830 – 1000	View of experts on draft chapters (each expert has about 10-12 minutes to share their view, they can use of PPT if necessary)	All experts
1000 – 1030	Coffee break	
1030 – 1115	Breakout groups (2 groups) to suggest recommendations of APFSOS III: - 5 to 10 key recommendations per groups that writing team should consider	Yurdi Yasmi and CTS Nair
1115 – 1135	Presentation of the results	
1135 – 1145	Next steps	Thomas Hofer
1145	Closing	Thomas Hofer

Information of APFSOS III

- Key information is available in the following links:
<http://www.fao.org/asiapacific/resources/forestry-outlook/en/>
- Flyer of APFSOS III: <http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/I8903EN>