

21 MARCH
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS 2019
FORESTS AND EDUCATION



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Forests!

Forestry Debate: Forests and Education

Thursday, 21 March 2019 - FAO Regional Office for the Asia-Pacific

Programme

- 0830 – 0900 Registration
- 0900 – 0930 **Opening session**
Welcome remarks by Ms Kundhavi Kadiresan, Assistant Director-General, FAO-RAP
Welcome remarks by Mr David Ganz, Executive Director, The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC)
Welcome remarks by Ms Dechen Tsering, Director, Asia-Pacific Office, UN Environment
- Introductions of the judges and debate teams*
Mr Yurdi Yasmi, Forest Policy Officer, FAO-RAP
Ms Sandra McGuire, KMSC Director, The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC)
Ms Emelyne Cheney, Regional Coordinator, Forests and Climate Change, UN Environment
- Debate teams introductions
Group photo
- 0930 – 0940 **Setting the scene** - Background, rules and structure of the debate
- 0940 – 1010 **Debate 1 – topic: Forestry curriculum should integrate mining and other land-based development issues to promote sustainability**
Affirmative team: Wells International School
Negative team: Garden International School
- 1010 – 1040 **Debate 2 – topic: Teaching youth about forests and their benefits will make them more committed as responsible consumers in the future**
Affirmative team: Anglo Singapore International School (Team B)
Negative team: Panyarat High School
- 1040 – 1100 Refreshment break

- 1100 – 1130 **Debate 3 – topic: Investing in forestry education is beneficial for future generations**
 Affirmative team: St Andrews International School
 Negative team: Anglo Singapore International School (Team A)
- 1130 – 1200 **Debate 4 – topic: Providing the youth with an equal opportunity to study forestry will help reduce inequality issues in the world**
 Affirmative team: Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)
 Negative team: Kasetsart University
- 1200 – 1215 **Final remarks and reflections** by Mr Thomas Hofer, Senior Forestry Officer, FAO-RAP
- 1215 – 1230 **Results announcement and awards presentation**
- 1230 – 1330 **Lunch**

Important note

To promote and document the event, please be informed there will be photo taking and filming throughout the event. The organizers will also run a social media activity that includes posting photos and videos of students and guests on their social media channels. If you do not wish to be filmed, do let the organizers know in advance. We encourage all participants and guests to spread the event’s messages and activities on their social media channels and liking/sharing the organizers’ posts.

Social media information

Hashtags: #IntlForestDay #IamtheForest #Betterwithforests

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