



APFNet's Effort on Strengthening Forest Governance

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About APFNet



- An initiative proposed and agreed by the APEC leaders in 2007;
- Formally launched in Beijing, September 2008

Our Mission:

- Help promote and improve sustainable forest management and rehabilitation through capacity building, information exchange, and support for regional policy dialogues and pilot projects.

APFNet Programs on Promoting Sound Forest Governance



- Capacity Building

- 8 thematic training workshops on promoting sound forest governance since 2008

- ASEM forest demonstration project will be launched in Lao (2014 - 2017)

- Aims to enhance forest management capacity and forest governance, and promote socio-economic development

- Focuses on forest law enforcement and cross-border forest resources management

Funding from APFNet on Forest Governance



2008 – Present

- \$720,000 for the 8 thematic training workshops

2014 – 2017

- Planned \$2,000,000 for the first phase of ASEM demonstration project
- Continued investment for training workshops on promoting sound forest governance

Priorities for Strengthening Forest Governance



- Strengthen cooperation in the following area:
 - Establish mechanism to promote information exchange and sharing
 - Conduct research, exchange information and share experience on forest policy
 - Establish multi-sector coordination mechanism to address common issues
 - Capacity building for officials of forestry sectors and forestry technicians

Reflections on Strengthening Forest Governance



Key issues on preventing illegal logging and trading

- Political will and capacity of government;
- Amendment of law and regulations to address the emerging issues;
- Forest tenure, payment for ecosystem services, as well as operable policies and mechanism;
- Coordination of forest law enforcement among international/regional organizations to reduce duplication.



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