

25th APFC Session Parallel Meeting

**“Forest Restoration at Landscape Level in Asia-Pacific
Region”**

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FAO-RAP & RECOFTC**

Final discussion session:
The Way Forward

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- Is there a case for collaboration?
- Are there ideas & appetite for collaboration?

A case for collaboration

1. The ideal toolkit for FLR has expanded:

- spatial planning (includes land use, access rights); multi-stakeholder platforms; multi-functional forestry silviculture; conflict management; market analysis & development
- Do we have sufficient access to the knowledge & capacity to use this expanded toolkit?

2. We have to secure FLR investments in a noisy, competitive world

- Do we have compelling evidence of the costs and benefits of investments in FLR?

3. We want to see FLR as a social movement

- Do target audiences and the public know enough about FLR?

4. Farmers/ land managers respond to policy and market signals

- Are FLR issues sufficiently represented in policy dialogues at multiple levels?
- Do we have sufficient understanding of the role of the markets in FLR?

Types of collaboration (e.g.)

- **Strategic coordination of:**
 - FLR communication & outreach (public discourse)
 - FLR submissions into policy development
- **Joint information collection and analysis**
 - Evidence of FLR impacts, investment opportunities
 - Experience & lessons from using the FLR toolkit
 - Development and deployment of incentives
- **Cost-sharing of events, products and services**
 - Add value to existing processes / convene other events
 - New knowledge products
 - Networking / advisory mechanisms

The way forward: what do you think?

- Any suggestions for potential collaboration & the mechanisms for organising such collaboration?
- Are there ideas & appetite for collaboration on FLR?

SUGGESTIONS SUMMARY:

- RECOFTC/ FAO engage universities in AP. Share information and engage students in issues. Platform could include International Forestry Students Association & local, and regional bodies. Aust Youth Ambassador Program from AusAID could be involved in this (RECOFTC will host a person). AusAID supported students could attach themselves to FLR promoters.
- Collaborate on PES development specifically for FLR programs in several countries and produce overall guidelines
- Identify key players in FLR and what their key skills and niches are- as a knowledge product to guide collaboration

- Support academic/ researchers to communicate FLR in mass media. Prepare information packages about FLR for general communication purposes with the media. Jointly prepare and disseminate. Also documents in different languages – use the translation process as an opportunity to form an expert group to own and guide the product quality. Simple policy briefs (and training manuals) could also be produced and disseminated jointly (plus translations into local languages). Different simple communication products for different audiences. Use pictures! Before and after pictures. True stories about real people and places.
- Need to share information about the impacts of FLR on the ground. Then use the analysis from different countries to prepare project proposals. Justification for investment.
- Share information and create networks through an internet knowledge management platform. Pools resources. Steps: create network of FLR researchers and practitioners, design and build platform in a participatory manner and populate it with contributions from network members, wide range of content (such as alternative techniques, comparisons, case studies/models, publications and other resources, news, events, stories from the ground, pictures, syntheses, summaries, policy briefs, actors, links), information in English and national languages, could continuously updated and maintained. Simple interesting communication products with technical information linked underneath. Can use www.forestcarbonasia.org experience and skills to help implement and coordinate this.
- Top level planning coordination is needed as well as the bottom up approach – Need multi-sector planning and cross-sector coordination – not just within the forest sector but for infrastructure, agriculture sectors etc. Need to place FLR into the minds of economic development planners. Start at jurisdictional regional level (above a single landscape?). Important to work with leaders above forest sector level.
- Be relevant to global policy commitments, e.g. APEC targets.
- FLR theory of change and use of technical tools to be explained to distinguish this approach from others. Explain the key ideas and practice of FLR. What is the conceptual model and what does it look like. Need clarity amongst ourselves about what FLR is and what it isn't. Can use work from previous decades re the landscape approach etc.
- Demonstration project.
- Look at what will happen through the global landscape forum at COP19, to avoid duplication and add value