



FORESTS ASIA

SUMMIT 2014

Sustainable Landscapes for Green Growth
in Southeast Asia

5-6 May 2014
Jakarta, Indonesia

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This two-day gathering will provide a platform for Southeast Asian Ministers to engage in bilateral and multilateral exchanges with their global counterparts, business executives, civil society and development experts in the pursuit of new green-growth pathways for development in the region.

Informed by the latest research and best practices, the Forests Asia Summit will allow Ministers to share knowledge on how to move toward the development of sustainable landscapes for Southeast Asia's green economy.

The Summit – organized by CIFOR and co-hosted by the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry – will position forests and landscapes at the core of ongoing policy processes in the region related to green growth, poverty eradication, sustainable land use, climate change mitigation and adaptation, food security and nutrition.

The Summit is expected to attract more than 1,000 leading stakeholders from across Southeast Asia and globally who have a shared and critical interest in sustainably managing the region's forests and landscapes. In particular, organizers expect significant participation from the private sector to reflect the increasing urgency for engagement in environmentally sustainable practices.

Forests Asia will produce several key outcomes:

1. Commitments to an integrated regional research program, beginning with a pilot program to alleviate the haze crisis
2. Commitments to investments in sustainable landscapes
3. Commitments to continued multi-stakeholder dialogues to refine evidence-based policy options for key regional challenges.

Objectives

Forests Asia will inform and be informed by national, regional and international initiatives and processes, taking perspectives from other emerging economies such as China.

At the regional level, the event will draw upon existing ASEAN policies including the ASEAN Community 2015 process; highlighting the role sustainable landscapes can play to achieve environmental sustainability, equitable economic development in a competitive region, and to reduce the development gap among ASEAN member states.

International discussions around the green economy, climate change (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)), biodiversity (Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)), food security (Committee on World Food Security) and the Sustainable Development Goals have also shaped the themes of Forests Asia. Summit organizers are planning for key messages and commitments stemming from the event to later feed back into these discussions.

To this end, the Summit will be organized along five main themes:

1. Governance and legal frameworks to promote sustainable landscapes
2. Investing in landscapes for green returns
3. Climate change and low emissions development on the ground
4. Forest landscapes for food and biodiversity
5. Changing communities, sustainable landscapes and equitable development

Proposed Agenda

| Monday, May 5 | Tuesday, May 6 |
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| 07:00 – 09:00 Registration | 07:00 – 09:00 Registration |
| 09:00 – 10:30 Parallel Discussion Forums | 09:00 – 10:30 Day 2 Opening Plenary |
| 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break | 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break |
| 11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Discussion Forums | 11:00 – 12:30 High Level Panel Discussions |
| 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch & Landscapes Issues Marketplace | 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch & Landscapes Issues Marketplace |
| 14:00 – 15:45 Day 1 Opening Plenary | 14:00 – 15:00 Keynote speeches: 1. Climate change, forests and landscapes 2. Investing in sustainable landscapes |
| 15:45 – 16:15 Coffee Break | 15:00 – 16:00 Panel Discussion on Key Knowledge Gaps & Policy Recommendations |
| 16:15 – 17:45 Parallel Discussion Forums | 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break |
| 18:00 – 20:00 Special Session: Youth in Southeast Asia | 16:30 – 17:00 Private Sector Session: Commitments to deliver sustainable landscapes for green growth in Southeast Asia |
| 19:30 – 22:00 VIP dinner hosted by KADIN and Global Initiatives | 17:00 – 18:00 Closing Plenary |
| | 18:00 – 20:00 Cocktail Networking Reception |

Communications and outreach

CIFOR will leverage its extensive media channels and networks to bring international, regional and national attention to Forests Asia, highlighting major policy speeches and the work of outstanding scientists and stakeholder groups.

CIFOR has significant experience convening large-scale international conferences. CIFOR organized and coordinated the past six *Forests Days* and the first *Global Landscapes Forum* on the sidelines of the annual UN climate change summit. In 2011, it hosted the *Forests Indonesia Conference: Alternative futures to meet demands for food, fiber, fuel and REDD+*. The event attracted almost 1,000 stakeholders and saw Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono give the keynote address in which he dedicated the last three years of his presidency to the conservation and sustainable use of Indonesia's forests, calling on businesses to unite in the effort.

CIFOR will build on this experience and design an extensive traditional and social media outreach campaign that will be launched three months before, and continue during and after the event. During the Summit, CIFOR will arrange live web streaming of discussions; create a live online platform for keynote and panel sessions; and host press conferences and interviews with speakers and other participants. A team of professional writers will blog sessions for distribution during and after the event. Journalists from across Asia will be encouraged to attend.

Opportunities to participate

Organizations and individuals are encouraged to help shape the event. Opportunities to participate include:

- Taking part in the 'Landscapes Issues Marketplace' – an alternative space for networking, discussion and knowledge sharing on the latest research, thinking and experiences. Taking part in the 'Youth in Southeast Asia' session - young forestry professionals are invited to lead action-oriented roundtable discussions
- Exhibition table tops

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