



Our green future: green investments and growing our natural assets

Overview of Stream 5, Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016

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Stream 5 – Terms of Reference

“Our green future: green investment and growing our natural assets

Natural resource stocks have declined in unprecedented fashion over the last three decades. We cannot sustain growth in the same resource-depleting ways as the past. We need to promote green investment and at the same time re-growing our natural assets. In doing so, how can **we foster SFM, forest rehabilitation and restoration and conservation?** To what extent and how can we **mobilize green investment?**”



Stream 5 – Terms of Reference

Potential topics to be covered:

- SFM
- Forest and landscape restoration
- Forest financing
- Private sector engagement
- Greening of commodity supply chain
- Bioenergy
- Genetic resource conservation
- Landscape approach
- Conservation and protected areas
- Invasive species



Design of Stream 5 - Rationale

- Deforestation, forest degradation and declining forest vitality remain as some of the biggest problems in Asia-Pacific forests.
- A need for a paradigm shift: from unsustainable investment practices to sustainable and profitable investment practices
- “An average annual additional investment of US\$ 40 billion is required to halve global deforestation by 2030 and also increase reforestation by 140% by 2050 relative to business as usual.” - *UNEP report on Forests in a Green Economy*




Design of Stream 5 – Guiding questions

- What conditions are needed for sustainable forest management to occur? In particular, how can we maximize the success of green investments in forests, to generate both socio-environmental *and* economic benefits?




The 4 building blocks of successful forest investment



**1. Strong
knowledge
base**



**2. Shared
vision**



**3. Enabling
conditions**



**4. Financial
players**



Substream areas

| Substream area | Potential topics |
|---|---|
| 1 Building a strong knowledge base in forests | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest monitoring, reporting and verification• Genetic resource conservation and protected areas• Invasive species• Forestry education |
| 2 Establishing a participatory vision of forests | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community engagement• Forest landscape management and restoration |
| 3 Creating enabling conditions for forest investment | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market based policy instruments• Domestic financing schemes• Quality infrastructure• Greening supply chains |
| 4 The role of financial players in forest investments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private sector engagement• Measuring forest investment impacts• Risk management• Bridging investors with producers |

Guiding principles for activity design

- To maximize impact: discussions will be focused on successful experiences, case studies, and technological and financial opportunities
- To be interactive: Organizing partners are encouraged to design events that are participatory, lively and innovative



Draft list of activities – Substream 1 (Strong knowledge base)



| # | Topic | Organizing partners | Format | Target audience |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| 1 | APFISN workshop on transboundary management of forest invasive species | FAO, Asia-Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN) | Presentations, lectures and discussions | APFISN network members and relevant institutions, researchers and practitioners |
| 2 | Using GIS mobile technology in forest resource assessments | AFoCo, Korea Forest Promotion Institute (KoFPI) | Demonstration and presentation, Q&A | Policy makers, forest managers |
| 3 | Innovative SFM education in the Asia-Pacific region - an advanced online course | APFNet, University of British Columbia (TBC) | Presentation, demonstration lectures, plenary discussion | Young professionals, academia, policy makers, |

****Some activities may form an event by itself, or combined with others to form larger events***



Draft list of activities – Substream 2 (Participatory vision of forests)



| # | Topic | Organizing partners | Format | Target audience |
|---|--|---------------------|---|--|
| 4 | Engaging multiple actors in transboundary biodiversity conservation | APFNet, SFA (TBC) | Case study presentation, panel discussion Q&A | Policy makers, researchers |
| 5 | Application of GIS mobile technology in community forest management | AFoCo | Presentation and Q&A | Policy makers, forest managers, forest community NGOs |
| 6 | A High-level Regional Consultation to Develop Action Plan for Forest and Landscape Restoration in Asia-Pacific | FAO, APAFRI | High level consultation, facilitated sessions and group discussions | Government officials from forestry, livestock and other relevant sectors |
| 7 | Assessing FLR opportunities to support national and international commitments | IUCN, APFNET, WRI | Breakout groups, interactive presentation, experience sharing | Private sector, REDD+ initiatives, government, green growth sector |
| 8 | FLR as key contributors to tackle climate change– the “stoplight” tool | IUFRO | Demonstration, group sessions, presentations | Policy makers, forest managers, researchers |

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Draft list of activities – Substream 3 (Enabling conditions)

3. Enabling conditions

| # | Topic | Organizing partners | Format | Target audience |
|---|--|------------------------------|--|---|
| 9 | Making verification work for investment: Improving quality infrastructure for SME sector | PEFC, ASEAN, TPP, APEC, SIDA | Presentations, breakout group discussions, plenary discussions | Accreditation Bodies, Certification Scheme Managers, Certification Bodies, ASEAN ACCSQ, ASEAN AMAF, AMOF, FLEGT Offices |

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Draft list of activities – Substream 4 (Financial players)



| # | Topic | Organizing partners | Format | Target audience |
|----|--|-------------------------|---|--|
| 10 | Mobilizing Investments towards sustainable forestry | FAST International, FSC | Multi-stakeholder group work, plenary discussions | All actors of the forestry value chain |
| 11 | Case Studies of future forest production systems: Sustainable large scale industry through investing in communities and smallholders | PEFC | Case study presentations, panel discussion, Q&A | Private sector, industry, government |
| 12 | Micro funding scheme for smallholders | FSC (TBC) | Case study presentations, panel discussion, Q&A | Private sector, SMEs, government |

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Stream 5 opening plenary

| Duration | Session |
|----------|--|
| 5 min | Introduction of keynote speaker and panelists Moderator |
| 20 min | Opening remarks Mr. Qu Guilin, APFNet Executive Director |
| 20 min | Keynote presentation – Overview of SFM and forest investment in the Asia-Pacific region Keynote speaker |
| 30 min | Panel discussion Moderator and panel speakers representing various sectors (FAO, government, donor, private sector, NGO) (TBC) |
| 10 min | Brief summary of discussion Note-taker/Facilitator |
| 5 min | Brief overview of stream events Moderator |



Areas of clarification

- Timing and duration of events
- Stream events vs. side events
- Identifying event synergies with other streams
- How to share resource persons
- How stream leaders should coordinate on resource sharing (how to minimize 'freeloaders')



Any comments or questions?

