

Event: Forest Development Planning for Climate Change Resilience and Poverty Reduction

Organizers: Forest Management Bureau-DENR, The World Bank, and The Program on Forests
Stream 2 - Tackling Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities

Vegas 1 & 2, Widus Hotel, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
February 24, 2016 | 11:00 - 12:30 PM



ABOUT THE EVENT

The importance of forest ecosystem services to human well-being cannot be overemphasized. Without forests, economic activities like agriculture, fisheries, and industries will be adversely affected. Forests also play a key role in buffering the impacts of weather-related shocks. In response to widespread deforestation, the Government of the Philippines (GoP) established two flagship programs – the National Greening Program (NGP) and the Risk Resiliency Program (RRP) for the 18 Major River Basins. These programs are expected to contribute to building national resilience to climate change impacts and to economic and environmental shocks that can disrupt sustainable development efforts including poverty reduction.

There is a need, however, to improve the understanding of the benefits that are generated from investments such as the NGP and RRP in natural capital to justify the investments, and to leverage future investments. In the case of the Philippines, the GoP will benefit from an improved understanding of how the ecosystem services generated or improved as a result of the NGP and RRP are translated into benefits for the Philippine population, especially the poor.

In this session, we will (i) present an ecosystem-based approach for assessing the contribution of forest services to enhance resilience to climate change, and poverty reduction, and (ii) discuss how the GoP is using data and information assessments to inform development planning. The study that underpins this ecosystem assessment is funded by the Program on Forests (PROFOR) and undertaken by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the Philippines and The World Bank Group.

PROGRAM

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| 11:00 - 11:05am | Welcome Remarks | Mayumi Quintos-Natividad Chair, Technical Working Group Assistant Director, FMB-DENR |
| 11:05-11:20am | <i>Beyond Reforestation: Valuing Forest Ecosystem Services</i> | Ricardo L. Calderon Chair, Project Management Committee Director, FMB-DENR |
| 11:20-11:50am | <i>Assessing the Role of Forests in Reducing Poverty and Enhancing Climate Resilience</i> | Maurice Andres Rawlins Project Co-Task Team Leader, The World Bank |
| 11:50-11:55am | Discussion Paper 1 | Dr. Mercedita A. Sombilla Director, ANRES-NEDA |
| 11:55-12:00nn | Discussion Paper 2 | Vicente D. Mesias ENRO Designate, LGU-Bago City, Negros Occidental |
| 12:00-12:25pm | OPEN FORUM | |
| 12:25-12:30pm | Closing Remarks | Leonardo B. Paat, Jr Project Co-Task Team Leader, The World Bank |

Moderator:
Dr. Margaret M. Calderon - The World Bank

