

Tackling Climate Change: Opportunities and Challenges

Organizers: CIFOR, SPC

Stream No. 2: Tackling Climate Change/ Widus Hotel/Room No. Vegas 1 & 2

The 'Tackling Climate Change: Opportunities and Challenges' Opening Plenary for will explore how the new climate agenda adopted in Paris is relevant to forest management in the Asia-Pacific region, and how forest management in the region can in turn support the new agenda, for the benefit of forests and people in the region and globally.

The plenary will involve a high-level moderated panel discussion involving representatives from the government, civil society and finance sectors. The panel session will followed by a Q&A session with the audience.

The panel will address the following issues:

- What are the implications of the Paris climate agreement for regional and national strategies?
- How will countries in the region implement the provisions of the climate agreement and link these efforts to broader sustainable development goals at the national level?
- How can civil society support governments to ensure national action plans are inclusive, participatory and equitable?
- What financial commitments are needed to support countries' national action plans? From who and where will these commitments come?

Tentative Programme

13.30 – 13.35

Introduction to climate change stream, and introduction of panelists by moderator, **Christopher Martius, Principal Scientist, CIFOR**

13.35 – 13.55

Panelists take 2-3 mins each to present their perspectives:

- Recap and reflection of the Paris climate agreement, **Tony La Vina, Dean, Ateneo School of Government**
- Implications of climate agreement for Indonesia, **Nur Masripatin, Director General, Climate Change Management, Ministry of Environment & Forestry, Indonesia (TBC)**
- Implications of climate agreement for Vietnam, **Nguyen Van Ha, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications of climate agreement for the Pacific Island countries, Christine Fung, GIZ/SPC • Role of civil society to support national strategies, Joan Carling, Secretary General, Asia Indigenous People’s Pact • Role of finance sector to support national strategies, Juan Chang, Senior Forestry and Land Use Specialist, Green Climate Fund
13.55 – 14.25	Moderated panel discussion
14.25 – 14.55	Q&A with audience
14.55 – 15.00	Moderator wraps up with summary