

21-26 April 2008, Hanoi, Vietnam

ASIA-PACIFIC FORESTRY WEEK

Forestry in a Changing World



Pre-session events

Workshop for FRA National Correspondents and focal points

Organizer: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

18-20 April 2008

As part of the preparatory work for country-reporting to the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010 (FRA 2010), the workshop will focus on the contents of 17 National Reporting Tables. The workshop will aim at providing technical assistance and guidance to ensure high-quality reporting that meets the specifications established for FRA 2010, through detailed discussion on the 17 Tables; ensuring the correct application of processes of data transformation, estimation and forecasting to generate information for FRA categories and reference years; ensuring consistency among different tables; identifying problems and data gaps and suggesting ways to address these; seeking clarifications and additional information from countries on their draft reports.

<i>18 April</i>	
09.00-09.20	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome address ▪ Round-table introduction of participants
09.20-09.30	Organization of workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of workshop objectives and expected outputs ▪ Questions and clarification
09.30-10.00	Presentation of FRA 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country reporting process ▪ Remote sensing assessment ▪ Special studies ▪ Review of methodology for country reporting
10.00-10.20	Coffee break
10.20-11.20	Status of country reports: Brief presentations (5-10 minutes) by National Correspondents on the status of country reports, highlighting any problems or data gaps
11.20-16.30	Technical Session 1: Presentation and review of National Reporting Tables 1-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Table 1: Extent of Forest and Other wooded land ▪ Table 2: Ownership and management rights ▪ Table 3: Forest designation and management ▪ Table 4: Forest characteristics ▪ Table 5: Forest establishment and reforestation
12.30-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-15.00	Technical Session 1 continued
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-16.30	Technical Session 1 continued

<i>19 April</i>	
09.00-12.30	Technical Session 2: Presentation and review of National Reporting Tables 6-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Table 6: Growing stock ▪ Table 7: Biomass stock ▪ Table 8: Carbon stock
10.00-10.20	Coffee break
10.20-12.30	Technical Session 2 continued
12.30-13.30	Lunch break

13.30-17.30	Technical Session 3: Presentation and review of National Reporting Tables 9-13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Table 9: Forest fires ▪ Table 10: Other disturbance affecting forest health and vitality ▪ Table 11: Wood removals ▪ Table 12: Non-wood forest products removals and value of removals ▪ Table 13: Employment in forestry
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<i>20 April</i>	
09.00-12.00	Technical Session 4: Presentation and review of National Reporting Tables 14-17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Table 14: Policy legal framework ▪ Table 15: Institutional framework ▪ Table 16: Education and research ▪ Table 17: Public revenue collection and expenditure
10.00-10.20	Coffee break
10.20-12.00	Technical Session 4 continued
12.00-12.30	Workshop closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concluding discussion ▪ Develop a timetable for submission of national reports ▪ Summary of outcomes and findings

Risk-based targeted surveillance for forest invasive species

Organizers: Asia-Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN)
 Asia-Pacific Association of Forestry Research Institutions (APAFRI)
 US Department of Agriculture (USDA) forest service

20, 22 & 23 April 2008

Invasive species impact human health, the environment and economies worldwide. Forest health and productivity are also put at risk. However, in most APFC member countries, investments in forest invasive species mitigation are limited. Forest health surveillance systems provide a mechanism to protect forests through early detection of incursions, and early detection allows more scope for management of invasion. The session aims at developing appropriate and better utilized capacity within countries to promote early warning across APFC member countries. The workshop will address identification of data and processes to select appropriate pest targets and survey areas thereby maximizing the chance for early detection of forest invasive species; identification of specific survey methods utilized in early detection of high risk invasives; use of general awareness and targeted community engagement for early detection programs; and development of appropriate information management tools.

Presentations:

- Selecting target pests for hazard site surveillance
- A hazard assessment method and survey sample design
- Using static traps in surveillance for forest invasive species
- Methodology for surveying invasive plant pathogens

Practical sessions:

- Setting up a trap; servicing and handling specimens
- Use of ExF/website for entering invasive species risk assessment record

<i>20 April</i>	
9.00-9.20	Welcome remarks by FAO, USDA Forest Service and APAFRI
9.20- 9.35	Objectives of the workshop
9.35- 9.45	Workshop agenda
9.45- 10.30	Presentation by selected participants on important pest in their respective countries which needed urgent surveillance
10.30- 11.00	Tea break
11.00- 11.30	Selecting target pests for hazard site surveillance

11.30- 11.45	Discussion
11.45- 12.15	A hazard assessment method and survey sample design
12.15- 12.30	Discussion
12.30- 13.30	Lunch break
13.30- 14.00	Methodology for surveying invasive plant pathogens
14.00- 14.15	Discussion
14.15- 14.45	Diagnostics, record keeping and communication
14.45- 15.00	Discussion
15.00- 15.30	Tea break
15.30- 16.00	Practical issues of diagnostics
16.00- 16.15	Discussion
16.15- 16.45	Invasive Species and Convention on Biological Diversity

Facilitating and promoting National Forest Programmes in Asia-Pacific Region

Organizers: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
National Forest Programme Facility

National Forest Programmes (NFP) constitutes a participatory, holistic, inter-sectoral and iterative process of policy planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation at national and subnational level in order to bring about improvement towards sustainable forest management and to contribute to sustainable development. NFP implementation remains challenging for many countries in the Asia-Pacific region, as it represents a major paradigm shift in the policy development process, legislation and regulations, institutional arrangements and forest management planning. FAO, together with other international, regional and bilateral technical and donor agencies, is working to raise awareness, strengthen country capacity, strengthen institutional setup, bringing about enforcement of international agreements, and undertaking training activities in the field to enhance the implementation of NFPs. The objectives of this workshop are to: 1) raise awareness of the nfp process, review ongoing NFP initiatives in the region, and identify additional strategies to support their implementation; and 2) provide the opportunity for NFP facility partners to come together to exchange information, learn lessons and draw up recommendations to further guide the management of the Facility.

<i>20 April</i>	
08.00-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.10	▪ Welcome addresses
09.10-09.20	▪ Introduction
09.20-09.50	▪ Incorporating new challenges into NFP processes – REDD, FLEG(T), and NFPs
09.50-10.20	▪ Science - Policy interfacing in support of National Forest Programmes
10.20-10.50	Coffee break
10.50-11.20	▪ Financial opportunities for implementing sustainable forest management
11.20-12.00	▪ Discussion
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-13.30	▪ Introduction to the NFP Facility ▪ Discussion
13.30-15.30	▪ Presentation of NFP activities of five Facility partner countries: China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Pakistan and the Philippines ▪ Discussion and exchange of experiences
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-16.45	▪ Procedures and guidelines for selection of proposals leading to small grants ▪ Discussion
16.45-17.30	▪ Procedures and criteria for selection of new partner countries and the continuation of the current partnerships ▪ Discussion
17.30-18.15	▪ Presentation of the monitoring and evaluation system of the Facility at country level ▪ Discussions
18.15-18.30	Summary and conclusions

Opening session

Monday, 21 April

Opening Session

Organizer: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

09.00-09.15	Introduction
09.15-09.45	Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Deputy Prime Minister, Vietnam▪ Jan Heino, ADG of FAO Forestry
09.45-10.15	Coffee/tea break
10.15-11.45	Keynote addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sunita Narain▪ Norman Myers
11.45-12.00	Presentation of gifts
12.00	Announcements

Plenary sessions

Tuesday, 22 April

People, forests and human well-being: managing forests for people in a period of rapid change

Organizer: Regional Community Forestry Training Center for Asia and the Pacific (RECOFTC)
Asia Forest Network (AFN)

The session will examine the current status of forest loss and degradation in the region and revisit past interventions made in recognition of the social importance of forests. It will assess the success of these interventions, and their replicability to bring effective forest management to scale. New drivers that can either encourage or inhibit progress towards equitable and sustainable forest management and enhanced rural livelihoods will also be flagged. Discussion will also address the feasibility of the aspiration target of “increasing forest cover in the APEC region by 20 million hectares by 2020”, adopted by APEC leaders in 2007, in light of forest quality and the integration of forest-based communities.

08.30-08.35	Introduction
08.35-09.45	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Community perspectives▪ Forests and forestry: do they matter?▪ How can forests reduce poverty?▪ Old barriers: new drivers
09.45-10.00	Coffee break
10.00-11.10	Debate <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Introduction to debate process and the panel▪ Managed debate – BBC style
11.10-11.45	Questions from the audience for panel members
11.45-12.00	Session commentary

Wednesday, 23 April

Forests and Climate Change

Organizers: Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
US Department of Agriculture (USDA) forest service
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Climate change brings new challenges and opportunities to the forest sector: it is essential that forest institutions are prepared and fully engaged in national and international discussions regarding forests and climate change mitigation and adaptation. The session will look into the main mitigation options laid out by the Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC, particularly looking into the potential of REDD, in light of forest governance, capacity of forestry institutions and sustainability of forest-based livelihoods. The session will also shed light on forests' role in adaptation to climate change; adapting forest management practices to reduce the vulnerability of forests to climate change impacts; and implementing forestry measures to help reduce the impacts of climate change on vulnerable people to identify knowledge gaps, needs for collaborative action and research themes.

08.30-10.30	Forests and climate change mitigation Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reduction of emission from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD): a readiness index for a full implementation Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Implications of Bali conference for the forest sector in Southeast Asia▪ Governance and livelihood issues related to REDD
10.30-12.00	Forest and climate change adaptation Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Vulnerability of forests to climate change: current research in tropical areas Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Climate-related threats to tropical forest in Asia and their consequences for forest-dependent communities and economic sectors▪ Policy options for reducing vulnerability

Thursday, 24 April

Dialogue on timber trade, forest law compliance and governance

Organizers: Asia Forest Partnership (AFP)
Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
UK Department for International Development (DFID)
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia

Hosted by the Asia Forest Partnership (AFP), the dialogue will feature major forestry players presenting policy initiatives and hands-on approaches for resolving the many challenges now facing the international trade in forest products.

The Dialogue is an open forum will allow corporate, community and government participants to present their views on such issues as:

- Forest governance issues and trends affecting regional and international timber trade.
- Sustainability and legality standards.
- Timber procurement policies.
- Industry perspectives on ensuring legality of timber supplies and products.
- The role of the producer and the consumer in ensuring legality.

Chaired by BBC Asia Business and Finance Correspondent, Rico Hizon, the dialogue will focus on credible and practical outcomes for both policy makers and the timber industry. Presenters from across the region will examine the changes now underway in the global timber market and review their impacts on people, forests, governments and industry.

08.30-10.30	Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is legal and sustainable timber production important? Who for, and why? ▪ Are timber markets changing? If so, how - and what are the implications for industry, forests, people and governments? ▪ How is the timber industry responding to changes in the global timber market and what challenges do they face?
10.30-12.00	Discussions

Friday, 25 April

Forestry Week Closing Plenary

The first Asia-Pacific Forestry Week has been organized to provide an opportunity for diverse stakeholders and forest managers to share perspectives and seek solutions to the most challenging issues facing forests and forestry today. The Closing Plenary will bring together participants to discuss areas of consensus that have emerged from the plenary sessions, various organizational events and informal discussions held during the Week. A representative will present a statement summarizing priority areas of concern that has emerged. The floor will then be opened for comments and discussions.

17.00-17.20	Summary of Forestry Week
17.20-18.40	Discussions
18.40-19.00	Closing remarks

Parallel events

Monday, 21 April

22nd Session of Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission

13:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Adoption of agenda▪ Election of officers▪ “Forestry in a changing world”<ul style="list-style-type: none">– An overview presentation outlining the larger picture of emerging challenges;– Presentation of contrasting views on selected issues;– Interventions by member countries; and– Summary of main findings/ recommendations
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NFP Update

Organizer: National Forest Programme Facility (NFP)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

The objective of the workshop on 22 April is to introduce the new version of nfp update form and to provide basic training to assist partner countries to complete the document.

13:00-17:00	
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The Potential of Bamboo in the Clean Development Mechanism

Organizer: International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)

There is much potential for bamboo in the Clean Development Mechanism, but little work has been done to explore the practicalities and methodologies involved, nor to develop models that could be replicated and adapted. The aim of this meeting is to form a network of partners who will work to: 1) trial bamboo for CDM in different locations; and 2) address technical and procedural matters related to its involvement in the CDM. The outputs and ideas of the meeting will feed into a global “Bamboo in the CDM” meeting which we intend to hold in Beijing later this year.

13:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State of the art of bamboo in the CDM▪ Specific characteristics and issues of bamboo in the CDM.▪ Opportunities and pitfalls of involving bamboo in the CDM▪ Technical presentations▪ Discussion and networking
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TEAKNET Steering Committee meeting

Organizer: Asia-Pacific Network on Research and Development of Teak (TEAKNET)

During the TEAKNET Steering Committee Meeting, the TEKNET Coordinator will make presentation on the current activities and provide forum for charting out the future activities and will seek the directions from the honorary members of the TEAKNET Steering Committee as well potential donor agencies.

13.00-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Welcome speech▪ Address by the Chair-TEAKNET▪ Remarks from the Co-Chair▪ Nomination/Reconfirmation of the Membership of the Steering Committee▪ Presentation of the current activities by the Coordinator▪ Charting out future activities/events and by-law, etc
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Address from potential donor agencies▪ Other items▪ Concluding remarks from the Chair
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13:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Addressing poverty through forestry: challenges and opportunities▪ FAO/APFC activities in the region
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NFP Matrix

Organizer: National Forest Programme Facility (NFP)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

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13:00-17:00

Meeting of the Regional Model Forests Network, Asia

Organizer: International Model Forests Network Secretariat (IMFNS)

Model forest representatives from India, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines and China will be holding a business meeting regarding the ongoing development in the Regional Model Forest Network, Asia. Governance of the regional network and a regional strategic plan will be discussed. Updates on each country's model forestry initiatives will be provided by the representatives.

13:00-17:00

East Asia Forest Law Enforcement and Governance Task Force and Advisory Group meeting

Organizer: World Bank
Department of the Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines (DENR)
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat

This parallel session will provide Asia-Pacific Forest Week participants, interested in forest law enforcement and governance, information and in-depth discussion on recent developments, initiatives and results of work on combating illegal logging and corruption and controlling timber trade. This will give participants an opportunity to propose and discuss future plans, priorities and needs related to law enforcement policy, constituency building, research and experience sharing.

13.00-13.10	Welcome and introduction
13.10-14.30	Forest transparency and regional customs cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Transparency for governance▪ International timber trade statistical discrepancy: role of customs
14.30-15.15	Country reports and experience <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Recent developments on forest law enforcement – Indonesia▪ Results of a survey of police, prosecutors and judges on illegal logging▪ The Philippine FLEG Strategy
15.15-15.30	Coffee/Tea Break
15.30-17.00	Innovations in forest law enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ International criminal justice mechanism - what's available for FLEG?▪ Financial crimes and forest law enforcement▪ Civil society efforts against corruption in forestry▪ Civil society innovations in forest law enforcement▪ Labour organizations perspectives on illegal logging
17.00-17.30	Report on ASEAN initiative on strengthening East Asia FLEG

	Open discussion: FLEG message for plenary session on “Trade, forest law compliance and governance” (Thursday AM)
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Risk-based Targeted Surveillance for Forest Invasive Species

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16.00-17.00	Practical issues of diagnostics

APAFRI Executive Committee Meeting

Organizer: Asia Pacific Association of Forestry Research Institutions (APAFRI)

APAFRI Executive Committee meets at least once a year. During the meeting, the Executive Committee will review the progress of APAFRI’s activities and programmes, as well as the financial report prepared by the Secretariat. The Executive Committee will also discuss and propose activities for the year, as well as the running of the Secretariat.

17.00-21.00

CIFOR book launches

Organizer: Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

17:00-19.00

- *Lessons from Forest Decentralization*
- *Managing Forest Resources in a Decentralized Environment*

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13:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Forests and climate change: adaptation and mitigation▪ Institutional arrangements and international agreements: opportunities and implications for APFC (UNFF, ITTO, CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD, etc.)
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Reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD): Financing options and social implications

Organizer: Netherlands Development Organization (SNV)

13:00-17:00	<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WB-FCPF, readiness by World Bank• Emerging financing opportunities (voluntary REDD) by FFI / Smart wood• Dangers and risks related to REDD by CARE (Climate Action Network / Forest People's Program)• Networking on REDD by SNV and RECOFTC <p>Debate in four groups following World café approach (two rounds of 45 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financing: WB, FFI• Networking, where are the knowledge gaps• Social / community / indigenous peoples rights issues: CARE• Technical issues, practical knowledge available on carbon accounting in forests relevant to REDD: ICIMOD, ITC <p>Summary, provisional conclusions of debates</p>
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Proposed Asia Pacific Universities Forest Education Network

Organizers: University of Melbourne
Southeast Asian Network for Agroforestry Education (SEANAFE)

Forest management in the Asia Pacific region is undergoing rapid change. New pressures are emerging for forest managers: provision of environmental services such as carbon sequestration, water or recreation, demands to conserve forest biodiversity, a focus of intensive timber production from plantations along with increasing demands for forest products. At the same time, societies are becoming increasingly urbanised and better educated and there are demands for greater involvement of communities and societies in forest management decisions. The drive for economically, environmentally and socially sustainable forest management is strong, but student interest and public resources for forest management are declining across the region. The forestry profession and forest education institutions must respond to these challenges. This forum aims to begin the process of building a strong supporting network for developing the skills of future forest managers in the Asia Pacific region. It is being organized with the support of the International Partnership for Forestry Education, FAO and SEANAFE.

13.00-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentations on the current situation and future challenges facing university forestry education from selected education institutions from across the region.▪ Identification of capacity building▪ Formation of a representative Network Steering Committee.▪ Discussion of next steps
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13.30- 14.30	Presentation
14.30-15.30	Break out discussions
15.30-17.30	Develop an operational surveillance activity for the region
17.35	Close

Promoting Responsible Asia Forestry and Trade (RAFT)

Organizer: The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

The aim of this roundtable is on broadening and engaging the discussion on how RAFT and its partners can better assist the private sector in the region to move towards legal and sustainable timber production.

13.00-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Opening and welcome<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Objectives of the session- General overview and introduction to the RAFT Program- Introduction to some key program partners▪ GFTN & WWF Malaysia's experience on Improved Forest Management and Trade▪ Establishing a Regional Timber Legality Standard across Southeast Asia▪ The Sumalindo Lestari Jaya experience in moving towards legal and sustainable production▪ Learning Networks as a tool for improving legal and sustainable timber production▪ Open discussion▪ Closing remarks
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AFN/FAO book launch

Organizers: Asia Forest Network (AFN)
Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations (FAO)

17.00-19.00

Forest Faces: Hopes and regrets in Philippine forestry

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13.00-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Trade, timber certification, forest law compliance and governance▪ Changing roles of forestry agencies
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Forestry research and education in a changing world: vision for Asia-Pacific region

Organizers: Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)
Asia Pacific Association of Forestry Research Institutions (APAFRI)

Forestry researchers and professionals from academic institutions of the region will deliberate on forestry research and education related issues, in an effort to formulate an approach paper addressing challenges posed by globalization and a fast changing world. This session will support the process of re-orienting forestry research and education in the region to correspond to the importance of forestry for the goals of poverty alleviation, environmental security, and climate change mitigation. The session is intended to highlight inadequacies in research and education infrastructure, possibilities of resource mobilization, regional networking of institutions for shared capacity, resources and infrastructure amongst the region.

14.30-14.45	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Chairman, APAFRI▪ Director General, ICFRE
14.45-15.45	Presentations by institutes/ universities and discussions
15.45-17.55	Presentations on country/regional status <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Forestry research and education▪ Existing infrastructure and expertise▪ Inadequacies and priorities▪ Approaches for 2020
17.55-18.55	Round table on forestry research and education: road map for 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Re-orientation of forestry research and education in the region▪ Emerging regional and international issues▪ Sharing of capacity, resources and infrastructure▪ Regional networking and road map for the year 2020

Café Scientifique: Money does grow on trees!

Organizer: British Council, Vietnam

The “Café Scientifique” will comprise a panel debate on the discussion title “Money does grow on Trees!”, where guest speakers are invited to open the discussion with short statements before throwing the debate open to the floor. This will be followed by an open discussion on the subject of Forestry and Climate Change whereby participants sit informally drinking tea, coffee and soft drinks whilst participating.

Guest speakers will be prominent Vietnamese Scientists and Science communicators, Prof Pham Duy Hien, Dr Dang Kim Son, and writer Nguyen Ngoc. The British Council will be represented by Science Manager Graham Sutcliffe. The discussion will be led by well-known TV science presenter and scientist Nguyen Quang.

The event will be organized in collaboration with the Vietnamese Science magazine Tia Sang, whose chief editor Nguyen Van Thanh will also be invited to be present.

The discussion and preceding statements will be in Vietnamese and the discussion will also be in Vietnamese with translation provided if necessary. Light refreshments will be provided after the discussion.

15.00-17.00	High level policy dialogue in collaboration with Division of Environmental & Natural Resource (part of the Institute of Policy & Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development, IPSARD in Vietnam)
17.00-17.30	Participants invited (Drinks served)
17.30-17.35	Speakers introduced
17.35-18.00	Statements by speakers
18.00-18.45	Nguyen Quang will open the discussion to the floor
18.45-19.00	Closing statements
19.00-19.30	Light refreshments

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09.00-12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – World Forestry Congress – FAO Forestry Strategy ▪ Regional issues identified by the Commission for the attention of COFO ▪ Other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Report of the 3rd and 4th Meetings of the APFC Executive Committee – Summary of the APFC auto-evaluation – Proposed changes to the APFC Rules of Procedure and Terms of Reference for the APFC Executive Committee – Other items raised by members
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Date and place of the next session ▪ Adoption of the report

Protected areas, equity and livelihoods (PAEL)

Organizers: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 Asia Forest Network (AFN)
 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

This parallel session reviews Protected Areas policies and management approaches that recognize critical linkages between conservation, equity and livelihoods. In the session, participants will discuss: (1) achievements and limitations of strategies and methods to promote equity and livelihood security as essential elements of Protected Areas policies and management approaches; (2) constraints to and preconditions necessary for effective implementation of selected policy options and tools for managing Protected Areas that incorporate equity and livelihood security; and (3) steps to overcome constraints & bring about the necessary preconditions. The session supports the work of the PAEL Task Force in Asia of the World Commission on Protected Areas. It is organized by IUCN and Asia Forest Network (AFN) in collaboration with FAO.

9.00 - 9.15	Welcome Remarks
Session 1: Overview	
9.15 - 9.30	Overview on World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Task Force on Protected Areas, Equity and Livelihoods (PAEL TF)
9.30 - 9.45	Overview on measuring social impact of protected areas
9.45 - 10.00	Status and challenges of protected areas in Cordillera region, Philippines: Local government perspective
10.00- 10.15	Open Forum
10.15- 10.30	Break
Session 2: Lessons learned: strategies and methods	
10.30-10.45	Safeguarding biodiversity for poverty reduction in Viet Nam, Cambodia, and Lao PDR
10.45-11.00	Central Annamites in Viet Nam
11.00- 11.15	South Asia Wildlife Trade Initiative (SAWTI) and its livelihood approach
11.15- 11.30	Strengthening voices for better choices in Knuckles Conservation Zone, Sri Lanka
11.30 -12.00	Open Forum
12.00-14.00	Lunch
Session 3: Ways forward: policy options and implementing tools	
14.00-14.15	Process for carrying out pre/feasibility studies on establishing protected areas in Viet Nam
14.15-14.30	Rethinking Laos' protected areas: strategies for a sustainable future
14.30-14.45	Gateway to payment for environmental services (PES), a resource guide
14.45-15.00	Rewarding Upland Poor for Environmental Services (RUPES)
15.00-15.30	Open Forum

Session 4: Recommended actions	
15.30-16.15	Break-out groups
16.15-16.45	Presentation of sub-groups
16.45-17.00	Wrap up

Towards responsible management of planted forests in the Asia Pacific

Organizer: United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

The purpose of the workshop is to introduce the Voluntary Guidelines for Responsible Management of Planted Forests and prepare implementation in the region. Participants will identify country implementation issues and action priorities for the Guidelines, as well as provide guidance to FAO and other organizations on technical support for capacity building in implementation of the Guidelines. Expected outcome is a better understanding and commitment to balance the social, cultural, environmental and economic dimensions of planted forests development in the Asia Pacific region.

09.00-12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of the Guidelines framework of principles ▪ Implementation of the Guidelines in selected countries ▪ Needs analysis exercise based on the principles of the Guidelines ▪ Review of regional priorities and actions for implementation of the Guidelines
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Disseminating Scientific information for policy and management

Organizer: International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)

Over the past several years, IUFRO has implemented various initiatives that aim at promoting the interactions between forest science and policy, and the dissemination of scientific knowledge to forestry stakeholders. Towards this end, this session will be organized into the themes of science – policy interfacing on best practices for effective science-policy interactions and training on the subject in developing countries; joint CPF initiative on science and technology to support international forest-related processes through the assessment of available scientific information and production of reports on forest-related issues of high concern; and introduction of the Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) in Asia.

09.00-09.20	Welcome address
09.20-10.30	Science – policy interfacing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is the science – policy interface ▪ Task Force on science policy ▪ IUFRO-SPDC’s training on science – policy interfacing
13.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.00	Science informing policy makers; the CPF initiative on science and technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How the initiative works ▪ Adaptation of forests and the forestry sector to climate change
12.00-13.00	Lunch break
13.00-14.30	Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) in Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of the GFIS – a gateway and partnership development tool ▪ How to become a GFIS information provider partner? ▪ GFIS partners in Asia
14.30-15.00	Coffee break
15.00-16.00	GFIS session continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GFIS demonstrations ▪ Discussions on future GFIS partnership development in Asia

Fire Management Voluntary Guidelines – Implementation

Organizer: United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

The purpose of the workshop is to:

- 1) introduce the Voluntary Guidelines for Fire Management, Fire Management Actions Alliance Partnership, and fire management regional workshops
- 2) conduct needs assessments regarding fire management by participants from the Asia Pacific region and
- 3) discuss opportunities to implement the voluntary guidelines in the Asia Pacific region and the role of FAO and its partners in achieving this. Participants will prioritize needs in the region regarding fire management and seek to provide guidance to FAO and partners on implementation of the Guidelines in the region.

13.00-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of the Guidelines and the Fire Management Actions Alliance ▪ Implementation of the guidelines in selected countries ▪ Needs analysis exercise based on the strategic actions of the guidelines ▪ Review of regional priorities and actions for implementation of the guidelines
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Saturday, 26 April

Poverty reduction through forestry-related activities in Asia: a Seminar on IFAD supported forestry-related programmes

Organizers: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)

Sub-seminar – Launching booklet ‘Payment for Environmental Services – Lessons and Experiences in Vietnam’	
8.00-8.10	Opening remarks
8.10-8.15	Overview and the objectives of the booklet
8.15-8.20	Lessons learnt from RUPES
8.20-8.25	PES in policy in Vietnam
8.25-8.30	PES messages from IUCN
8.30-8.35	PES messages from WWF
8.35-8.40	PES message from Forest Science Institute of Vietnam
8.40-8.50	Q & A
8.50-9.00	Group photo and book delivery

Main Seminar: Experiences from IFAD-funded grants programmes on poverty reduction through forestry: CIFOR, ICIMOD, ICRAF:	
9.10-9.25	CIFOR 651: Programme for Improving Income Generation for Forest Communities through IFAD’s Loan Portfolio
9.25-9.40	IFAD funded investment project: NERCAMP’s experience
9.40-9.55	ICIMOD 773: Programme for Securing Livelihoods in the Uplands and Mountains of the Hindu-Kush Himalayas Phase II
9.55-10.10	IFAD funded investment project: LFLP’s experience
10.10-10.30	Coffee break
10.30-10.45	ICRAF 534: Reward the Asian Upland Poor for the Environmental Services they Provide
10.45-11.00	IFAD funded investment project: CHARMP’s experience
11.00-11.50	Discussion and Q&A
11.50-12.00	Closing Remarks

Meeting of National Focal Points: Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study

Organizer: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

A joint meeting of APFSOS National Focal Points and scientific committee members will discuss progress on implementation of the regional outlook study. It will especially focus on: 1) status of national reports and progress to develop these; 2) discussions to commence development of regional scenarios charting likely developments in forestry to 2020; and 3) development of preliminary action plans to ensure uptake and efficient use of APFSOS materials.

09.00-09.10	Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Welcome remarks and re-cap of the APFSOS process
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9.10-10.10	Short overview of country papers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief presentation by country
10.10-10.40	Country scenario presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation on processes and outcomes by the country with outstanding country scenario ▪ Questions and answers
10.40-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.30	Defining regional and sub-regional scenarios and their implications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developing sub-regional scenarios – based on identified key drivers ▪ Presentation of sub-regional scenarios ▪ Collective brainstorming on regional scenarios
12.30-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-15.30	Linkages between national and sub-regional/ regional scenarios <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Countries' strategic positioning within the sub-regional/regional scenarios
15.30-15.45	Coffee break
15.45-17.45	The way forward and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sharing ideas on strategic use of the study results – by facilitators ▪ How to use the study results; identification of strategic programmes/ projects
17.45-18.00	Closing remarks