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Forest Futures: The outlook for forests, landscapes and people in the Asia-Pacific region

Stream 5, Tuesday 18 June 2019, 15:30-17:00

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Introduction and background

APFW 2019 will mark the official launch of the Third Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study (APFSOS III), which follows the release of the first and second outlook studies published in 1998 and 2010, respectively. It offers an analysis of drivers that have shaped forests and forestry over the last 25 years (i.e. demographic, economic, environment, technology and governance); and the future of forests, landscape and people in 2030 and 2050. Examining several potential scenarios for the coming decades, the study lays out recommendations to make tangible change towards a sustainable world.

Event objectives

Forest Futures will draw from the perspectives of key experts in the field. Taking the audience on a journey through time, from past to present to future, it will explore the Outlook Study's increasing emphasis on landscape management, cross-sectoral coordination, the role and perspectives of youth, women, and communities. It will delve into three big scenarios for 2030 and 2050: business as usual, disruptive, and aspirational. Based on this, it will explore actions that are needed to avoid a disruptive scenario and move towards an aspirational scenario. *Forest Futures* will explore implications of new international frameworks and agreements, new technologies, post-truth, the changing pace of globalization, the importance of environmental services and conservation, and broadly where the region may go from here.

Event details

The event will take place in a "Talk-show" format, with facilitator-led questions to the panelists, followed by a short session of audience questions. Kundhavi Kadiresan, FAO's Assistant Director General and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific (FAO ADG/RR), will give an opening address to initiate the event.

Speakers include:

1. Yurdi Yasmi, FAO-RAP
2. C.T.S. Nair, Former Chief Economist of Forestry Department, FAO
3. Yam Malla, former director, RECOFTC

4. Doris Capistrano, Senior Advisor, ASFCC

Facilitator: Maria Paula Sarigumba, FAO-RAP

Discussant: Rodney Keenan, Professor at the University of Melbourne

Program

Time	Agenda and topics
15:30-15:40	Welcoming remarks (10 mins) <i>Kundhavi Kadiresan (ADG/RR)</i>
	Introduction – a journey to 2030 and 2050 (10 mins)
15:40-15:45	<i>Short video – APFSOS III</i>
15:45-15:50	<i>Introduction by Maria Paula Sarigumba (FAO-RAP)</i>
15:50-16:30	Talk Show – exploring our future forests (40 mins) Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Recognizing the “worst-case” scenario</i>• <i>What do we want from an aspirational future?</i>• <i>Key progress and achievements</i>• <i>Key challenges that remain</i>• <i>Are we on the right track?</i>
16:30-16:50	Audience Q&A (20 mins)
16:50-16:55	“Fast Talk” (5 mins) <i>Facilitated by Maria Paula Sarigumba</i>
16:55-17:00	Final discussion synthesis and reflections (5 mins) <i>Rodney Keenan (University of Melbourne)</i>