

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



# Online training on

Resolving conflicts to advance sustainable forest management and restore landscapes

# 30 March – 22 April 2022 | 08.30-11.00 (GMT+7) Register here

# **Background**

Conflicts over forest resources limit the success of sustainable forest management initiatives such as forest and landscape restoration (FLR) efforts. They also impede inclusive and sustainable development that countries aspire for. Building sufficient human resources capable of effectively managing conflict by responding early and addressing the causes to turn conflicts into opportunities for positive change is therefore a priority.

The Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission and the third Asia Pacific Sector Outlook Study have highlighted the need to support and invest in regional and national capacity building on conflict resolution in forestry. In response to this, this training aims to strengthen the capacity of government officers and other key actors to address forest conflicts and provide the opportunity for exchanges and learning about experiences and best practices regarding conflict management in the region.

## Course information

#### Course schedule (GMT+7):

Week 1: 3 days (8.30 – 10.00) Week 2: 3 days (8.30 – 10.00) Week 3: 3 days (8.30 – 10.00)

Delivery: Live via Zoom

Language: English

**Prerequisite**: Completion of FAO ecourse on *Natural Resource Management Conflicts* 

**Course fee:** (Not applicable for nominated participants)

**Certificate:** Certificate of Completion

Registration deadline: 4 March 2022

Fill and send registration form to: petwadee.eiamchaloay@recoftc.org

This training is implemented in collaboration with <u>Consensus Building Institute (CBI)</u> and <u>RECOFTC</u>. CBI are conflict experts who have more than 28 years of experience in facilitation, mediation, capacity building, citizen engagement, and organizational strategy and development to solve complex social, environmental, and economic challenges. RECOFTC strives for a future where people live equitably and sustainably in and beside healthy, resilient forests. It is the only non-profit of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region and the world dedicated to community forestry. RECOFTC's entry point to sustainable and climate change solutions is

community forestry. It builds capacities of communities, governments, civil society organizations and companies so local communities can sustainably manage and benefit from their forests.

# Course objectives

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- 1. analyse sources of conflict and the different ways to manage and resolve conflict in the forestry sector;
- 2. assess stakeholders interests and develop stakeholder engagement strategies to manage and resolve conflict;
- 3. enhance their conceptual understanding and interpersonal skills in negotiation;
- 4. design conflict resolution and consensus building strategies relevant for their own work contexts;
- 5. connect as a community of practitioners to learn and share experiences and best practices in conflict resolution to advance sustainable forest management and restore landscapes.

## Course format and contents

The course will cover these key topics in nine sessions:

- The nature of forest conflict
- How to deal with forest conflicts
- Conflict management and resolution strategies
- Negotiation skills to address forest conflicts

### Course schedule

| Week | Week of                 | Day    | Time (GMT+7) |
|------|-------------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1    | 28 March – 1 April 2022 | 3 days | 8.30 - 10.00 |
| 2    | 4 April – 8 April 2022  | 3 days | 8.30 - 10.00 |
| 3    | 18 April – 22 April     | 3 days | 8.30 - 10.00 |

#### Who should join?

A maximum number of 25 participants with the following criteria:

- Managers and program officers in national forest agencies who deal directly and regularly with forest conflicts;
- Have a professional mandate to introduce and implement initiatives that can address forest conflicts;
- Have at least 5 years professional experience in the forest sector;
- Able to provide a clear justification on how the training is useful in your work contexts;
- Willingness to learn and share experiences with other participants and actively contribute your knowledge and skills in the training;
- Be proficient in written and spoken English.

For more information about the course, please contact Illias Animon (<u>illias.animon@fao.org</u>) or Rejani Kunjappan (<u>rejani.kunjappan@recoftc.org</u>)

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