



# XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests

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## THE LOWER MEKONG IN TRANSITION

LATEST TRENDS AND IMPACTS  
OF CHINA IN FOREST TRADE

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Forest trade in the Lower Mekong region is currently undergoing a significant shift. Viet Nam and Thailand are booming as wood processing and export hubs.

Source countries like Lao PDR, Myanmar and Cambodia are transitioning to more sustainable plantation-based timber industries. China plays a key role as an export destination because of the significant domestic consumption of wood products and the size of the wood processing industry for re-export. This interview-style side event will feature insights from governments, private companies, smallholders and financial institutions across the Lower Mekong region to discuss the interface between timber market demand and efforts to make supply chains legal and more sustainable. It will also paint a vision of how a balance can be found between the growing Chinese market and supply chain actors to achieve a strong and sustainable forest industry in the region and beyond.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



**Dr. Pham Van Dien**

Deputy Director General of the  
Vietnam Administration of Forestry

### HOSTS:



**Akiko Inoguchi**

Forestry Officer | FAO



**Emelyne Cheney**

Team Leader for Asia Pacific |  
Forests and Climate, UNEP



**David J. Ganz**

Executive Director | RECOFTC

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## AGENDA:



### OPENING SESSIONS

10 mins

#### MODERATORS:

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**Emelyne Cheney** | Team Leader for Asia Pacific, Forests and Climate, UNEP

**David J. Ganz** | Executive Director, RECOFTC

**KEY NOTE:** CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES, AND FORESTRY COMMITMENTS  
AND INDUSTRY ASPIRATIONS FROM VIET NAM

**Dr. Pham Van Dien** | Deputy Director General of the Vietnam Administration  
of Forestry (VNFOREST)



### A JOURNEY TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE TRADE

60 mins ca. 15 mins/stop

#### FIRST STOP: ENDANGERED TREE SPECIES

What efforts have been made to conserve endangered tree species and halt their illegal logging and trade in the Lower Mekong?

#### SECOND STOP: TRENDS OF CHINESE COMPANIES' WOOD PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES/ COMMITMENTS

How can we link Chinese demand with Lower Mekong supply of certified forest product?

#### THIRD STOP: SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

What are the main issues and opportunities for tracking social and environmental outcomes in the forest sector?

#### FOURTH STOP: SMALLHOLDERS AND FOREST INVESTMENTS

How can we enhance the capacities of smallholders to access legal and sustainable supply chains?



### CLOSING SESSION AND WRAP UP

20mins

INTERVENTIONS FROM THE FLOOR, DISCUSSION AND WRAP UP