



Our green future: green investments and growing our natural assets

Overview of Stream 5, Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016

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Stream 5 – Terms of Reference

“Our green future: green investment and growing our natural assets

Natural resource stocks have declined in unprecedented fashion over the last three decades. We cannot sustain growth in the same resource-depleting ways as the past. We need to promote green investment and at the same time re-growing our natural assets. In doing so, how can **we foster SFM, forest rehabilitation and restoration and conservation?** To what extent and how can we **mobilize green investment?**”



Stream 5 – Terms of Reference

Potential topics to be covered:

- SFM
- Forest and landscape restoration
- Forest financing
- Private sector engagement
- Greening of commodity supply chain
- Bioenergy
- Genetic resource conservation
- Landscape approach
- Conservation and protected areas
- Invasive species



Design of Stream 5 - Rationale

- Deforestation, forest degradation and declining forest vitality remain as some of the biggest problems in Asia-Pacific forests.
- A need for a paradigm shift: from unsustainable investment practices to sustainable and profitable investment practices
- “An average annual additional investment of US\$ 40 billion is required to halve global deforestation by 2030 and also increase reforestation by 140% by 2050 relative to business as usual.” - *UNEP report on Forests in a Green Economy*



Design of Stream 5 – Guiding questions

- What conditions are needed for sustainable forest management to occur? In particular, how can we maximize the success of green investments in forests, to generate both socio-environmental *and* economic benefits?



The 4 building blocks of successful forest investment



**1. Strong
knowledge
base**



**2. Shared
vision**



**3. Enabling
conditions**



**4. Financial
players**

Substream areas

Substream area	Potential topics
1 Building a strong knowledge base in forests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest monitoring, reporting and verification• Genetic resource conservation and protected areas• Invasive species• Forestry education
2 Establishing a participatory vision of forests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community engagement• Forest landscape management and restoration
3 Creating enabling conditions for forest investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market based policy instruments• Domestic financing schemes• Quality infrastructure• Greening supply chains
4 The role of financial players in forest investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private sector engagement• Measuring forest investment impacts• Risk management• Bridging investors with producers



Guiding principles for activity design

- To maximize impact: discussions will be focused on successful experiences, case studies, and technological and financial opportunities
- To be interactive: Organizing partners are encouraged to design events that are participatory, lively and innovative



Draft list of activities – Substream 1 (Strong knowledge base)



#	Topic	Organizing partners	Format	Target audience
1	APFISN workshop on transboundary management of forest invasive species	FAO, Asia-Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN)	Presentations, lectures and discussions	APFISN network members and relevant institutions, researchers and practitioners
2	Using GIS mobile technology in forest resource assessments	AFoCo, Korea Forest Promotion Institute (KoFPI)	Demonstration and presentation, Q&A	Policy makers, forest managers
3	Innovative SFM education in the Asia-Pacific region - an advanced online course	APFNet, University of British Columbia (TBC)	Presentation, demonstration lectures, plenary discussion	Young professionals, academia, policy makers,

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Draft list of activities – Substream 2 (Participatory vision of forests)



#	Topic	Organizing partners	Format	Target audience
4	Engaging multiple actors in transboundary biodiversity conservation	APFNet, SFA (TBC)	Case study presentation, panel discussion Q&A	Policy makers, researchers
5	Application of GIS mobile technology in community forest management	AFoCo	Presentation and Q&A	Policy makers, forest managers, forest community NGOs
6	A High-level Regional Consultation to Develop Action Plan for Forest and Landscape Restoration in Asia-Pacific	FAO, APAFRI	High level consultation, facilitated sessions and group discussions	Government officials from forestry, livestock and other relevant sectors
7	Assessing FLR opportunities to support national and international commitments	IUCN, APFNET, WRI	Breakout groups, interactive presentation, experience sharing	Private sector, REDD+ initiatives, government, green growth sector
8	FLR as key contributors to tackle climate change– the “stoplight” tool	IUFRO	Demonstration, group sessions, presentations	Policy makers, forest managers, researchers

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Draft list of activities – Substream 3 (Enabling conditions)

3. Enabling
conditions

#	Topic	Organizing partners	Format	Target audience
9	Making verification work for investment: Improving quality infrastructure for SME sector	PEFC, ASEAN, TPP, APEC, SIDA	Presentations, breakout group discussions, plenary discussions	Accreditation Bodies, Certification Scheme Managers, Certification Bodies, ASEAN ACCSQ, ASEAN AMAF, AMOF, FLEGT Offices

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Draft list of activities – Substream 4 (Financial players)



#	Topic	Organizing partners	Format	Target audience
10	Mobilizing Investments towards sustainable forestry	FAST International, FSC	Multi-stakeholder group work, plenary discussions	All actors of the forestry value chain
11	Case Studies of future forest production systems: Sustainable large scale industry through investing in communities and smallholders	PEFC	Case study presentations, panel discussion, Q&A	Private sector, industry, government
12	Micro funding scheme for smallholders	FSC (TBC)	Case study presentations, panel discussion, Q&A	Private sector, SMEs, government

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Stream 5 opening plenary

Duration	Session
5 min	Introduction of keynote speaker and panelists Moderator
20 min	Opening remarks Mr. Qu Guilin, APFNet Executive Director
20 min	Keynote presentation – Overview of SFM and forest investment in the Asia-Pacific region Keynote speaker
30 min	Panel discussion Moderator and panel speakers representing various sectors (FAO, government, donor, private sector, NGO) (TBC)
10 min	Brief summary of discussion Note-taker/Facilitator
5 min	Brief overview of stream events Moderator



Areas of clarification

- Timing and duration of events
- Stream events vs. side events
- Identifying event synergies with other streams
- How to share resource persons
- How stream leaders should coordinate on resource sharing (how to minimize 'freeloaders')



Any comments or questions?

