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THE NINTH EXECUTIVE
FOREST POLICY COURSE

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS,
CLIMATE CHANGE AND
THE FUTURE OF FORESTS
IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC**

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A unique opportunity to:

- ✔ Understand the drivers impacting forests and forestry
- ✔ Learn how forestry could help to accomplish the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the commitments under the Paris Agreement
- ✔ Enhance strategic thinking in a changing world of opportunities and challenges
- ✔ Share knowledge and experience and interact with eminent policy makers and planners.

WHY THIS COURSE?

Forests and forestry all over the world are undergoing rapid changes in line with larger societal changes. Social, economic, environmental and technological changes are reshaping opportunities and challenges, requiring stakeholders including governments, private sector, local communities and civil society organizations to quickly adapt, take advantage of the emerging opportunities and prepare to deal with the multitude of uncertainties. The SDGs adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2015 and the Paris Agreement on climate change concluded in December 2015 will have far-reaching impacts on how forests are managed in the coming decades.

All Asia-Pacific countries have stepped up their efforts to implement sustainable forest management (SFM). Some countries are on a path of forest transition, investing substantial resources for restoration and rehabilitation of degraded forests. Yet many challenges persist and forestry still remains an arena of conflicts requiring concerted action at all levels to strengthen the role of forests in building “green economies” and to develop climate smart forestry.

FAO'S EXECUTIVE FOREST POLICY COURSE

In pursuance of the recommendations of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC), FAO in collaboration with various organizations has been organizing the Executive Forest Policy Course since 2007 to strengthen the policy analysis and capability in the Asia-Pacific region. Hitherto eight such courses have been held – Thailand (2007 and 2009), Fiji (2008 and 2014), Viet Nam (2010), China (2011), Bhutan (2013), and Myanmar (2015) – improving the policy analysis skills of over 150 senior forestry professionals and managers from over 25 countries.

Facilitated by leading experts in policy analysis, participants are exposed to various developments at the global, regional, national and local levels that impact forests and forestry, sharpening their policy analysis and leadership skills. Each course is tailored

to address topical issues, enabling policy makers and planners to understand the changing socio-economic and political landscape and how new knowledge, skills and tools can be applied to fulfil new functions demanded by a changing world.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

Our objectives

The main objective of the Course is to improve the policy analysis skills of participants helping them to see the “big picture” and enhance their decision-making capabilities. By the end of the course the participants would have:

- ✔ Gained an understanding of the larger changes taking place at the global, regional and national levels and how these will impact forests and forestry in the coming decades.
- ✔ Understood the future scenarios for forest management in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly focusing on implications for policies, institutions and science and technology, giving due attention to the restoration/rehabilitation of degraded forests.
- ✔ Learned about how innovations in governance and technology are helping to enhance the role of forests and forestry in fulfilling the aspirations of changing society and what needs to be done to make forestry more proactive.
- ✔ Enhanced knowledge and skills in the use of various tools for policy analysis, helping to augment the capacity of participants to adopt best practices in integrated land use in the pursuit of sustainable forest management.





HOW IS THE COURSE STRUCTURED?

Executive Forest Policy Course Modules

- Module 1: The changing world: Key developments and uncertainties in the next few decades.
- Module 2: Climate change, Paris Agreement and forests: Can forestry rise to the occasion?
- Module 3: Forest governance challenges and institutional innovations.
- Module 4: Technological innovations: Challenges and opportunities.
- Module 5: Economics of forestry in a globalized world: Back to basics.
- Module 6: Communication and presentation skills in a networked world.
- Module 7: Rebuilding the green capital through forest restoration and rehabilitation
- Module 8: Preparation of effective policy briefs

The Course objectives will be accomplished through a highly interactive programme of debates, dialogues, role playing sessions, panel discussions, and drafting of policy briefs supported and facilitated by leading experts. The programme consists of eight modules addressing key issues confronting forests and forestry in the Asia-Pacific region. Particular thrust is given to share experiences of participants and to analyse case studies. The course also includes field visits to give insights into land use and forestry issues and the challenges in making policies work on the ground.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

A maximum of 25 participants from the Asia-Pacific countries, primarily senior officials dealing with land use and forest policies are expected to attend the course. Participation of academics, staff from bilateral and multilateral agencies, civil society organizations and the private sector is encouraged. Particular attention will be given to maintaining gender balance.

Fluency in English is a pre-requisite for participation in the course.



COURSE FEE AND FUNDING

The tuition fee is US\$ 3,500 and this will cover 10 days of full immersion training, meals, and accommodation as well as transport during fieldtrips. The course fee will also cover travel, accommodation and honorarium of resource persons. Travel costs to and from the venue are to be met by participants or their sponsors. FAO will work with various donors and partners to ensure that participants can meet the costs of their attendance.

ORGANIZERS

Asia-Pacific Forest Policy Think Tank

The Asia-Pacific Forest Policy Think Tank is a subsidiary initiative of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC), mandated by the Commission to support sustainable forest management in the region by strengthening the policy process at various levels. The objective is achieved through a series of interrelated activities including organization of forest policy short courses and preparation of timely policy briefs.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

The FAO helps nations to manage their forests in a sustainable way, balancing social, economic and environmental objectives so that the present generation can reap the benefits of the earth's forest resources while conserving them to meet the needs of future generations. In the Asia-Pacific

region, the FAO's work is focused on (a) forestry economics, policies and institutions, (b) promoting improved forest management and (c) fostering greater involvement of people in forestry.

Ministry of Environment and Forestry Indonesia

The Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF, Kementerian Lingkungan Hidup dan Kehutanan) is responsible for the management of environment and forestry-related matters in the country. In relation to forest management, MoEF is mainly responsible for managing designated area known as "forest zone". The forest zone has three major functions: conservation, production and protection. Each of these functions defines distinct approaches of forest management on the ground. The current programme of MoEF is strongly linked to the vision of the President of Indonesia, Jokowi, to realize a "community-based forestry" scheme. MoEF is also actively involved in the implementation of international commitments under climate change and FLEGT-VPA.

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