



PROGRAMME STREAM 3: Serving society - forestry and people

Tuesday 23 February

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13:30-15:00 **Fontana**
Session 1: Stream 3 opening – Forests, forestry and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
The role of forests has been identified in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly SDG 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss. The session will provide an overview of their importance for SDG15, but also for other SDGs.
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15:30-17:00 **Fontana**
Session 2: Community forestry and SDGs
Participants will gain more knowledge and appreciation towards the roles of CF/SF in the region, and why these important initiatives deserve higher attention and significant increase in support.
ASFN, RECOFTC

Wednesday 24 February

9:00-10:30 **Fontana**
Session 3: ‘We depend on the forests and it is our source of life’
Community-based Sustainable Forest Management and Food Security.
The sustainable forest management practices of indigenous peoples and small farmers are critical for food security, which need to be recognized, promoted and protected as critical steps in combatting climate change and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. This session will particularly focus on shifting cultivation and its importance.
Asian Farmers Association (AFA), Asia Indigenous People’s Pact (AIPP) and the Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme Asia (NTFP-EP Asia)

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Session 4: The importance of agroforestry for achieving SDGs
This session will bring in experts in tropical land use and agroforestry to an exciting and stimulating discussion on the importance of a holistic, land use system, such as ‘agroforestry’ in achieving the new SDGs. During the 90-minute session, speakers will provide evidence on how the 17 SDGs interact with agroforestry in at least seven groupings, and elaborate on ‘four ways’ agroforestry can help achieve the SDGs.
World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), Southeast Asia Regional Programme

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Session 5: ‘We benefit from the forest...’ Getting a fair share in the benefits derived from forest resources: approaches and tools
This session will feature examples of community best practices and voices about accessing the benefits from the forests and securing an equitable or fair share out of the sustainable utilization, management and development of the forests. The session will identify ways forward for appropriate, community-based processes, approaches and mechanisms, and modality for equitable sharing of forest benefits that will truly benefit the forest communities.
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Session 6: Communicating and mainstreaming gender equity for achieving SDGs
This session would examine the value of SDGs in addressing gender issues for CF/SF, and vice-versa. The session will also give participants space to share ‘communication best practices’ on gender and forestry (i.e., innovative communication strategies and tools).

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Session 7: Forests and Water in Action
The session will present a Forests and Water Action Plan: its origins, structure, partners and current activities; as well as, regional case studies on valuing water and water-related PES mechanisms. The session will offer an opportunity to identify forest-water field projects, culminating with a discussion including questions and answers, and networking.
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Session 8: Way forward for people and forests of the Asia Pacific region in the context of SDGs
SDGs are seeking practical and realistic commitments from all stakeholders. By the end of the session, participants will have mutually agreed action plans and commitments for the coming years to ensure that Forestry and People can support the achievement of the SDGs.
ASFN, RECOFTC, AFA, AIPP and NTFP-EP