Programme for Plenary Session II

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: Accelerating the Forestry Contribution

09:00-10:30, Wednesday, 19 June 2019

1) Summary

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set the aspirational targets for countries and the global community to achieve by 2030. Forests and forestry play a critical role in contributing to achieving the SDGs. Forests are important for addressing global challenges such as food insecurity, climate change, energy crises, urban challenges, and water scarcity. This plenary session will look at the role of forests in a broader landscape system and how forests are influenced by major drivers of change. It presents key challenges and trends of forestry in the last two decades and major drivers affecting forestry changes, namely: governance, socio-economic factors, and climate change.

2) Session type: TED-talk style presentation

3) Facilitator and Presenters

Facilitator  Rico Hizon (News Anchor and Reporter, BBC World News)
Presenter 1  Yurdi Yasmi (Coordinator Sustainable Agriculture and Forest Policy Officer, FAO)
Presenter 2  Doris Capistrano (Regional Advisor, ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry and Climate Change)
Presenter 3  Shin Wonsop, (Chair of the FAO Committee on Forestry and Professor at Chungbuk National University, ROK)
Presenter 4  Robert Nasi (Director General, Center for International Forestry Research)

4) Program

09:00-09:05  Opening & Introduction by Rico Hizon
09:05-09:20  Wrap-up of a Previous Day by Stream Leaders (3 mins/Stream)
09:20-09:25  Introduction of Presenters by Rico Hizon
09:25-09:35  Presentation 1 (Forest Outlook) by Yurdi Yasmi
09:35-09:45  Presentation 2 (Governance) by Doris Capistrano
09:45-09:55  Presentation 3 (Socio-economic) by Shin Wonsop
09:55-10:05  Presentation 4 (Climate change) by Robert Nasi
10:05-10:20  Q&A with audience (open to the floor)
10:20-10:25  Last Statement by Presenters
10:25-10:30  Wrap-up by Rico Hizon
5) Detailed Programme

Wrap-up of a Previous Day by Stream Leaders (3 mins/Stream) (09:05-09:20)
The representative of each stream will have 3 minutes to summarize the previous day.

Introduction of Presenters by Rico Hizon (09:25-09:30)
Plenary Session 2 “Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: Accelerating the Forestry Contribution” will discuss the drivers of change affecting forests and forestry: the link to the SDGs.

Presentation 1 (Forest Outlook) by Yurdi Yasmi – 10 minutes (09:25-09:35)
- Title: Forests and Forestry in 2030 and 2050
- Analysis of future trends of forests and forestry in 2030 and 2050 based on the findings of the Asia-Pacific Forest Sector Outlook Study-III. What is our challenge?

Presentation 2 (Governance) by Doris Capistrano – 10 minutes (09:35-09:45)
- Title: Forest Governance: Between Hope and Reality
- Analysis of trends of forest governance and examples of key challenges and progress in the last two decades. Discussion about why governance is critical for achieving sustainable development goals.

Presentation 3 (Socio-economic) by Shin Wonsop – 10 minutes (09:45-09:55)
- Title: Socio-Economic Benefits: Can Forests Make It Happen?
- Discussion on the role of forests for socio-economic development with key challenges and success stories from the Republic of Korea. Information about peace and well-being from socio-economic perspective in the Republic of Korea.

Presentation 4 (Climate change) by Robert Nasi – 10 minutes (09:55-10:05)
- Title: Climate Change: Why Forests Matter?
- The impact of climate change on forests. The role of climate change mitigation and adaptation. Discussion on the future with regards to forests and climate change.

Final Statement by Panelists (1 min/panelist) (10:20-10:25)
Each panelist should prepare maximum two sentences that reflect the drivers of change shaping forests and forestry in the future.

Wrap-up by Rico Hizon (10:25-10:30)
Rico will make a provocative and stimulating summary from the session.

Annex-1. Facilitator and presenters profile
Annex-2. Detailed description of the Session
Annex-3. Overview on APFW2019 Streams

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Annex-1. Facilitator and presenters profile

Rico Hizon

News Anchor and Reporter, BBC World News

Rico Hizon is the award-winning news anchor of BBC World News’ daily business and finance program, Asia Business Report, and general news-based show Newsday, live from Singapore and London, every weekday morning. Produced out of Singapore, Asia Business Report offers viewers up to the minute economic and market news from the Asia-Pacific region, with in-depth analyses of the latest trends from the movers and shakers in the business world. His reports have taken him all over the region from Hong Kong, to Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, Australia and the Philippines.

On Newsday, Rico reports on the latest political and social issues from the people who make the news, and facilitates a thorough viewpoint from more than 200 BBC correspondents around the world, and its impact on the global scene. In his more than 25 years as a broadcast journalist he is the only South East Asian male anchor to work for two of the world’s most prestigious global news networks CNBC Business News and BBC World News.

His anchoring and reportorial responsibilities have also given him the honor to moderate and host several top global events; the UN Conference on Economic and Social Change in New York, the Clinton Global Initiative in Hong Kong and New York, the World Bank and IMF Annual Meetings, the Asian Development Bank Annual Meetings, the World Economic Forum, the British Chamber of Commerce Awards in Singapore, and the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in Cambodia and Myanmar.

Yurdi Yasmi

Coordinator Sustainable Agriculture and Forest Policy Officer, FAO

Yurdi Yasmi holds a PhD in Forest and Nature Conservation Policy from Wageningen University. He has over 20 years of experience in forestry, mostly in the Asia-Pacific region with some experience in Africa. Previously, he worked for the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) in Hanoi, RECOFTC - the Centre for People and Forests in Bangkok, Wageningen University in the Netherlands and CIFOR in Bogor. He has held research and managerial positions in these organizations. At FAO he leads the strategic objective on sustainable agriculture; and is responsible for the forest policy programme. He is leading FAO’s flagship publication Asia-Pacific Forest Sector Outlook Study III, the third in a series of studies published every decade, which will be launched at APFW 2019.

He was appointed by the World Bank as one of the eight high level members of the Expert Panel for Forest Investment Program (FIP). He was a member of IUFRO Review Panel Committee that reviewed IUFRO strategic results. He was also a member of Global Expert Panel of IUFRO’s global initiatives: International Forest Regime; and World Forest, Society and Environment (WFSE). Additionally, he was an expert member of ITTO (International Tropical Timber Organization) for sustainable forest management in the tropics. He travels extensively for his work and has visited some 40 countries.

He has published over 70 articles, books and technical reports.

Doris Capistrano

Regional Advisor, ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry and Climate Change

Doris Capistrano is Regional Advisor of the ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry and Climate Change (ASFCC), Senior Fellow of the Southeast Asia Regional Center for Graduate
Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), and Senior Fellow of the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI). She was Director of Forests and Governance of the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and Visiting Professor in Forest and Conservation Policy of Wageningen University, Netherlands.

She served as Ford Foundation’s Deputy Representative for India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka and Program Officer for Rural Poverty, Resources and Environment in Bangladesh. She was previously a post-doctoral fellow in Tropical Conservation and Development at the Center for Latin American Studies of the University of Florida, USA and Instructor of Economics at the University of the Philippines at Los Banos, Philippines.

Shin Wonsop
Chair, FAO Committee on Forestry
Professor, Chungbuk National University
Won Sop Shin is a professor at Chungbuk National University in Korea. He is a Head of the Graduate Department of Forest Therapy at Chungbuk National University enrolling about 150 students in masters’ and PhD programs. Since obtaining his PhD in forestry in 1992 from University of Toronto, Canada, he has had lots of experience in research and conducting projects on forest and human health for about 30 years. His main research interest is psychological benefits from forest and nature experiences.

He is working actively with international organizations such as FAO and the International Society of Nature and Forest Medicine, and is now holding Chair of the Committee on Forestry, FAO. During the years of 2013-2017, he also served as Minster of Korea Forest Service (KFS). In his term, KFS developed many new forest policies relating to using forest for human health and welfare.

Robert Nasi
Director General, Center for International Forestry Research

Robert Nasi has a PhD in the field of ecology from the University of Paris Sud, Orsay. Since 1982, he has been living and travelling extensively in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, undertaking research activities in the fields of ecology and management of tropical forests. He joined CIFOR in August 1999 and has held several research and management positions in the organization. His scientific work aims to integrate social and biological sciences for better management of tropical forests, more sustainable livelihoods and better designed forest policies. He has authored or co-authored more than 300 scientific publications.