



## Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2019

Forests for Peace and Well-being

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### 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 (BBC World News Anchor and Reporter)
Presenter 1	Yurdi Yasmi (Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator 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 of Session by Rico Hizon
09:05-09:20	Presentation 1 (Forest Outlook) by Yurdi Yasmi
09:20-09:35	Presentation 2 (Governance) by Doris Capistrano
09:35-09:50	Presentation 3 (Socio-economic) by Shin Wonsop
09:50-10:05	Presentation 4 (Climate change) by Robert Nasi
10:05-10:20	Q&A with audience (open to the floor)
10:20-10:25	Final Statement by Presenters
10:25-10:30	Wrap-up by Rico Hizon

- **Facilitator and presenters profile**

### **Rico Hizon**

#### **BBC World News Anchor and Reporter**

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**

#### **Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator 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 Minister 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.

- **Overview on APFW2019 Streams**

### **1. Restoring our forests and landscapes**

Forest restoration is a global and regional priority. This stream will not only discuss different restoration focuses and approaches (for example, urban and peri-urban forestry, forest and landscape restoration, community-based restoration and so forth), but also explore the linkages between restoration efforts and financing and investment opportunities including the involvement of the private sector.

### **2. People and forests living in harmony**

Forests play an important role in reducing poverty, enhancing food security and supporting local livelihoods. The stream will focus on social dimensions of forests, addressing issues related to tenure, equity, gender, and community participation and discuss how forests can provide more tangible opportunities for communities to improve their incomes and livelihoods sustainably.

### **3. Building a resilient environment**

A range of old concerns and new ideas are expected to be discussed under this stream, including progress on REDD+ implementation, forest sector contribution to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), reduction and management of disaster risks and emerging green technologies to help us to increase resilience to climate variability.

### **4. Promoting responsible trade and markets**

The stream will discuss emerging trends in trade, markets and consumer behavior of timber and non-timber forest products as well as forest ecosystem services. Forestry industry development in the region and with a focus on smallholders will also receive attention in this stream.

### **5. Innovating governance and institutions**

A number of countries in Asia-Pacific region have completed or are undergoing forestry policy and governance structure reforms in recent years. This stream will share and exchange experience from the countries related to such reforms. At the same time, the stream will discuss how to address natural resources conflicts and transboundary issues as well as how forests have been contributing to the SDGs and other international agreements.

Table 1. The five major streams of APFW2019.

<b>Streams</b>	<b>Potential topics to be covered</b>	<b>Stream leaders</b>
<b>1. Restoring our forests and landscapes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest and landscapes restoration (FLR)</li> <li>• Landscape and watershed management</li> <li>• Urban and peri-urban forestry</li> <li>• Financing and investment for restoration efforts</li> <li>• Regional cooperation for forest and landscape restoration</li> <li>• Private sector involvement in restoration</li> <li>• Forest genetic resources and biotechnology</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> </ul>	AFoCO, APFNet and SPC
<b>2. People and forests living in harmony</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverty reduction</li> <li>• Community forestry</li> <li>• Sustainable livelihoods</li> <li>• Tenure</li> <li>• Gender</li> <li>• Forest foods and food security</li> <li>• Social media and forestry</li> <li>• Capacity development</li> </ul>	AWG-SF, RECOFTC, and SEARCA
<b>3. Building a resilient environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM)</li> <li>• Nationally Determined Contributions and the Paris Agreement</li> <li>• REDD+</li> <li>• Climate financing</li> <li>• Green technologies</li> <li>• Forest health and invasive species</li> <li>• Forest monitoring technologies (e.g. drone, GIS, remote sensing, etc.)</li> </ul>	CIFOR, GCF, GGGI, and ICRAF
<b>4. Promoting responsible trade and markets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Law Enforcement, Governance, and Trade (FLEGT)</li> <li>• Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs)</li> <li>• Bioeconomy</li> <li>• Compensation for Ecosystem Services/Cultural Ecosystem Services</li> <li>• Sustainable wood production</li> <li>• Forest industry development</li> <li>• Small-scale forest enterprises</li> <li>• Forest certification</li> <li>• Timber harvesting and processing technologies</li> <li>• Wildlife monitoring and trade</li> </ul>	EFI, EUFLEGT Facility, FAO-EU FLEGT Programme, INBAR, ITTO, Forest Trends, NTFP-EP, and WRI
<b>5. Innovating governance and institutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest tenure reform and decentralization</li> <li>• SDGs and other international and regional agreements</li> <li>• Conflict management</li> <li>• Transboundary issues</li> <li>• Forest policy and governance structure reform</li> <li>• Regional cooperation and networks</li> <li>• Forest institutions</li> <li>• Forest communication</li> <li>• Role of youth in forestry</li> <li>• Forestry education and training</li> <li>• Strategic planning</li> </ul>	FAO and UNFF