



## Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2019

Forests for Peace and Well-being

17-21 June 2019 | Incheon, Republic of Korea

### Programme for Plenary Session III

## Journey to 2030: the Future for Forestry in Asia and the Pacific

09:00-10:30, Friday, 21 June 2019

#### 1) Summary

Session 3 will explore the future of forests, peace, and well-being in 2030. It will highlight how well-balanced human-nature interactions could change the world. The session will consider both forests and wider aspects of our future in 2030.

#### 2) Session type: Moderated Panel Discussion with a Keynote Address

#### 3) Host and Panelists

Host & Keynote Speaker	Melody Hossaini (Founder & CEO, InspirEngage International)
Panelist 1	Hiroto Mitsugi (Assistant Director General, Forestry Department of FAO)
Panelist 2	Chencho Norbu (Executive Director, Asian Forest Cooperation Organization)
Panelist 3	Radha Kumar (Policy Analyst, Council Member of United Nations University and Board Member of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute)
Panelist 4	Estrella Penunia (Secretary General, Asian Farmers' Association)

#### 4) Program

09:00-09:20	Opening followed by Keynote Address by Melody Hossaini
09:20-09:25	Introduction of Panelists by Melody Hossaini
09:25-09:45	Opening Statement by Panelist (5 mins/panelist)
09:45-10:10	Q&A by Melody Hossaini with Panelists
10:10-10:20	Q&A with Youth Correspondents (through the screen)
10:20-10:25	Final Statement by Panelists
10:25-10:30	Wrap-up by Melody Hossaini

- **Host and Panelists Profile**

### **Melody Hossaini**

#### **Founder & CEO, InspirEngage International**

Melody Hossaini is the Founder and CEO of InspirEngage International - experts in people development and social impact. She believes everything starts with you as an individual – if you know who you are and what your purpose is, you can be happy, successful, and importantly, make a positive difference in our world. She is a Human Investor.

Starting as a war-refugee to being one of the most prominent social entrepreneurs in the world, Melody started her career at the age of 13 by becoming a co-founder of UK Youth Parliament, and subsequently made history becoming the first female to chair its board of Trustees. During her 10 years of volunteering, she spearheaded several campaigns with Government to improve communities.

She launched her social enterprise InspirEngage International in 2009 and took the company global from day 1, achieving a portfolio in 100 countries, reaching over 1 million people. Her work brings together personal development and social impact and she designed the InspirEngage Bootcamps to maximise human potential. She is one of the most sought-after professional speakers, well-known for her realness, energy and thought-provoking content (including at TEDx Kuala Lumpur).

Her focus on business that benefits the community has achieved widespread recognition. In 2015 the European Parliament awarded Melody 'New European's Most Influential Woman' and most recently in 2016, Melody was recognised as 'Young Global Leader' for her contribution in shaping the socio economic landscape. This followed previous awards including 'Asian Woman of Achievement' presented by Prince Charles, the 'Woman of the Future' presented by Princess Zara Aga Khan and 'Volunteer of the Year' by the Home Office. In 2011, Melody made history being the first ever social entrepreneur to appear on BBC's 'The Apprentice', and has been championing business for social impact since. Melody was born in Iran, grew up in Sweden, lives in the UK, speaks 5 languages, and is mother to Kian Kennedy and Arielle Persia.

### **Hiroto Mitsugi**

#### **Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO**

Hiroto Mitugi, a former Director-General of the Rural Development Department of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, with special responsibility for the promotion of food security and nutrition in Africa, joined FAO in June 2017 as Assistant Director-General of the Forestry Department.

He has an academic background in forestry, including a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture (Forestry and Forest Products) from Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan, and a Master of Science degree in Forestry Extension from the University of Reading, UK. In 1987 he began his professional career in the Forestry Development Division of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

In 1990, he was nominated as JICA Resident Representative with assignments in Malawi (1990-1993), Cambodia (2006-2009) and the Philippines (2011-2013). In 2006, he was also appointed Forestry and Nature Conservation Division 1 in the Global Environment Department, a position he held until 2009, the year in which he served as Deputy Director-General and Group Director for Forestry and Nature Conservation. He was also appointed, in April 2014, Senior Deputy Director-General for the Overseas Cooperation Volunteers.

At the 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in 2010, he was a donor-coordinator of mainstreaming biodiversity in development, and from 2010 to 2011 was a member of the reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) consortium of Japan. His last position before joining FAO was a Director-General of the Rural Development Department, JICA.

## **Chencho Norbu**

### **Executive Director, Asian Forest Cooperation Organization**

Chencho Norbu is the Executive Director of AFoCO appointed by the first session of the Assembly held in 2018. He started his professional career as a field project manager in Bhutan and has served more than 30 years in various important posts- the Director, Department of Agriculture (2007-2011), Director General, Department of Forest and Parks Services (2012-2015) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests; Secretary to the National Environment Commission from 2016 to 2017; and the Government Secretary to the Ministry of Works and Human Settlement in 2018 before joining the AFoCO Secretariat team in January 2019.

Chencho has led the Bhutan delegation to the Conference of Parties of UNCCD from 2006 through 2013. During the period, he was the Chair of CRIC (Committee for Review and Implementation of the Convention) of UNCCD in 2010 and 2011. The Mid-Term Evaluation of the 10 Year Strategy of UNCCD was carried out in 2012 under his chairmanship, through Inter-sessional Working Group (IWG). He also served as the Chair of the Committee of Whole (COW) of COP 11 held in Namibia, 2013. In addition to scientific paper publications, he also served as one of the Lead Coordinating Authors of the chapter 7- The impact of soil change on ecosystem services, Status of the World's Soil Resources Report. ITPS 2015, FAO. Rome; as one of the Review Editors of the chapter 4- Status and trends of land degradation and restoration and associated changes in biodiversity and ecosystems, IPBES Land Degradation and Restoration Assessment Report, 2017; and was nominated as one of the members of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS) from the Asia-Pacific Region, hosted by FAO, Rome in 2018.

## **Radha Kumar**

### **Policy Analyst**

### **Council Member, United Nations University**

### **Board Member, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute**

Radha Kumar is former Director General of the Delhi Policy Group and a specialist on peace and security in South Asia. Earlier Director of the Mandela Centre for Peace at Jamia Millia Islamia University (2005-2010), Dr. Kumar was also Senior Fellow in Peace and Conflict Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York (1999-2003), Associate Fellow at the Institute for War and Peace Studies at Columbia University (1996-8) and Executive Director of the Helsinki Citizen's Assembly in Prague (1992-4). Her honorary positions include: member of the United Nations University Council and member SIPRI Board. She was one of the three Kashmir Interlocutors of the Government of India (2010-11).

Her latest book is Paradise at War: A Political History of Kashmir (Aleph: 2018). Her previous books include:

- A Gender Atlas of India (with Karthika Sudhir and Marcel Korff, Sage: 2018), (ed.);
- Negotiating Peace in Deeply Divided Societies: A Set of Simulations (Sage: 2009), Making Peace with Partition (Penguin: 2005);

- Divide and Fall? Bosnia in the Annals of Partition (Verso: 1997); and,
- A History of Doing: Movements for Women's Rights and Feminism in India, 1900-1990 (Kali for Women and Verso: 1993).

## **Estrella Esther Penunia**

### **Secretary General, Asian Farmers' Association**

Estrella Penunia, or Esther, as called by colleagues, is Secretary General of the Asian Farmers' Association or AFA, a regional alliance of national farmers organizations or FOs in Asia. Established in 2002, AFA is currently composed of 20 national FOs in 16 countries, representing around 13 million small scale men and women farmers. AFA carries out programs on policy advocacy, knowledge management, enterprise development and governance. It conducts activities related to policy information, analyses and campaigns as well as dialogues with decision makers, both at national and regional levels. It provides technical and managerial support to members' initiatives on farmers' organizing and empowerment, organizational development and management, access to natural and production resources, sustainable agriculture, equity led marketing and trading. It likewise develops projects along these areas that are implemented in selected countries.

As a social development worker, Esther spent more than three decades of professional years in the field of rural development, working with the farmers, fishers and indigenous peoples' sectors in various capacities as community organizer, primary health care worker, participatory action researcher, trainer, gender advocate, consultant, campaigns coordinator, NGO executive/manager and networker. In 2014 FAO appointed her as Special Ambassador for the International Year of Family Farming. She and her husband are currently working in partnership with a farming family in developing a 2-hectare upland farm through sustainable, integrated, diversified, organic practices.

- **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