

Title	Stream 1 Opening Plenary	
Organizer	AFoCO, APFNet, and SPC	
Type of event	Plenary	
Venue	Room 116-117	
Date/Time	Tuesday, 18 June 2019; 13:30-15:00	
Event description		
<p>Asia and the Pacific is the world's most vibrant region, with tremendous potential for economic development and a strong desire among its peoples for a better tomorrow. Forests are playing crucial roles by supplying commodities for local and global communities and by helping mitigate climate change, alleviate poverty, conserve water and soil and promote people's well-being. Nevertheless, many of the region's forests are under pressure and becoming degraded. There is an urgent need to halt deforestation and forest degradation (SDG 15.2) and increase forest area by 3% worldwide by 2030 (UNSPF1.1), requiring a concerted effort to restore the region's forests and landscapes.</p> <p>Against this backdrop, the three co-leaders of thematic stream 1-the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), the Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet) and the Pacific Community (SPC)-will jointly launch the stream's programme in a 90-minute plenary event, setting the stage for genuine engagement and dynamic discussions over the course of the week.</p> <p>This opening plenary event will comprise a moderated panel discussion featuring six renowned speakers representing various sectors and subregions. The panel will address thought-provoking, inspiring questions posed by the moderator and from the floor on how to reshape restoration strategies to ensure that forests and landscapes meet our future needs.</p>		
Time	Speaker / Panelist	Theme
13:30-13:40	Mr. Chencho Norbu (Executive Director of AFoCO) Mr. Zhang Zhongtian (Assistant Director of APFNet) Ms. Iwona Piechowiak (Programme Leader - Sustainable Forests and Landscapes, SPC)	Opening remarks
13:40-13:45	Mr. Patrick Durst (Forestry and Natural Resources Consultant)	Opening statement by the moderator * Video viewing: "New UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030)"
13:45-14:15	Dr C.T.S. Nair (Natural Resources Management Consultant) Dr Don Koo Lee (Professor Emeritus of Seoul National University and former Minister of Korea Forest Service) Ms Mayumi Quintos-Natividad (Assistant Director, Forest Management	Panelist Statements



	<p>Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines) Ms. Susana Waqainabete-Tuisese (Director, Conservation International Fiji) Mr Werner Kornexl (Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank) Mr Martin Forsen (CEO, Burapha Agro-Forestry Co. Ltd.)</p>	
14:15-14:35		Moderated discussion
14:35-14:55		Questions for panelists from the floor
14:55-15:00		Concluding remarks by the moderator