

Title	Roles of Research Institute on Forest Plantation and Landscape	
Organizer	Asia Forest Institute (AFI), Asia Pacific Association of Forestry Research Institutions (APAFRI), and National Institute of Forest Science (NIFoS)	
Type of event	Workshop	
Venue	Room 305	
Date/Time	Wednesday, 19 June; 11:00-15:00 (excluding lunch break)	
Event description		
<p>The United Nations (UN) declared the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030 to accelerate the restoration of degraded ecosystems. The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration recognizes the vital role of forested landscapes plays in stabilizing the climate and offers support for people whose livelihoods are at risk from deforestation caused by resource extraction and agricultural expansion.</p> <p>Recently, Asian economy is growing rapidly led by a rising middle class but it faces major challenges as inequality, land-use change, loss of biodiversity, food insecurity, desertification and climate change. Especially, agricultural expansion through shifting cultivation and slash-and-burn practices in Southeast Asia threatens the world's third-largest tropical forest and the many ecosystem services. In addition, desertification is considered as a key issue in land rehabilitation and forest management in the Central and Northeast Asia. Shifting sand dunes have been reported to affect several million ha of land in China, Mongolia and Central Asia. Those deforestation and forest degradation have resulted in both environmental damages of soil erosion, land degradation and biodiversity loss and socio-economic damages of insecure food, water and health.</p> <p>In order to mitigate and combat those emerging challenges, especially, public research institutes among various stakeholders have been proceeded significant efforts. Researchers usually share the knowledge they generate with other researchers and in many cases, public research establishments closely cooperate and create knowledge jointly.</p> <p>Last year, we organized a workshop to introduce the challenges and priorities on forestry and forest-related sectors in each country by inviting relevant institutions in Asia region. In this regards, this workshop aims to share the experiences on successful project/program at regional level on forest plantation and restoration and to enlarge the human and institutional resources network including research institutions, universities and non-governmental organizations by strengthening relationship and partnership for forest restoration and sustainable forest management in Asia region.</p>		
Time	Speaker / Panelist	Theme
11:10~11:30	Dr. Abdushukur Khamzaev ((Director General, Research Institute of Forestry and Deputy Chairman of State Forestry Committee, UZBEKISTAN)	Activities carried out in the Field of Forestry Development, Protection and Multiplication of Forests in Uzbekistan
11:30~11:50	Ms. Deiva Oswin Stanley (Consultant, India)	Role of research institutes on forest restoration, especially in DPRK and Asian countries

11:50~12:10	Dr. Thaung Naing Oo (Director, Forest Research Institute, MYANMAR)	Program Proposal on National Level Ecosystem Restoration and Reforestation in Myanmar
12:10~12:30	Dr. Vo Dai Hai (President, Vietnamese Academy of Forest Science, VIETNAM)	Program on Ecosystem Restoration and Reforestation_Vietnam's Proposal
13:30~13:50	Dr. Chanh Samone Phongoudome (Deputy Director General, National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute, LAO PDR)	Project/program proposal on ecosystem restoration and reforestation at national or regional level
13:50~14:10	Dr. Sokh Heng (Director, Institute of Forest and Wildlife Research and Development, CAMBODIA)	Cambodia Forest Genetic Resource Conservation Project
14:10~14:30	Dr. Seol Ara (National Institute of Forest Science, REPUBLIC OF KOREA)	Valuation of Forest Public Benefits and Payment for Forest Ecosystem Services in Korea