



Title	Engaging the private sector in forest restoration	
Organizer	University of Melbourne, APFNet, and RECOFTC	
Type of event	Discussion forum	
Venue	Room 116	
Date/Time	Wednesday, 19 June; 13:30-17:00	
Event description		
<p>Forest restoration aims to restore landscape function through a mix of forest conservation, re-establishment of forests and productive uses of trees. There is an estimated 110 million hectares of degraded forest lands in South East Asia, 60 percent of the total forest area and widespread recognition of the need to restore ecological function to these forests, which could result in significant carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation, timber production, water quality and spiritual and cultural benefits. However, there are differing views on the processes, actors and desirable end points for restoration goals.</p> <p>Analysis indicates that the technical aspects of forest restoration are relatively well understood, and that institutional, regulatory and policy issues are the key challenges for implementing restoration. Constraints include lack of devolution, lack of clarity on tenure and lack of participation by communities and the private sector.</p> <p>This event aims to explore innovative approaches to overcome the policy and financial challenges of forest restoration in this region. A focus will be policies to support integrated investment models that engage small landholders and larger private sector actors and markets and incentivise rural people to become more engaged in forest restoration and sustainable management.</p>		
Time	Speaker / Panelist	Theme
13.30 – 15.00	Facilitator: Professor Rod Keenan, University of Melbourne Dr Michael Brady, (CIFOR) Suraj Anuradha Vanniarachchy, (Carbon Project Development Specialist, University of Colombo) Priscillia Moulin (AidEnvironment, Ketapang Landscape Program, Indonesia) Dr Somvang Phimmavong (National University of Laos)	Regional and intergovernmental perspectives
15.30 – 17.00	Facilitator: Professor Rod Keenan, University of Melbourne Mr Martin Forsen (Burapha Agroforestry Company Ltd, Lao PDR) Bradford Sanders (April Forestry Indonesia Ltd.) Heng Xu (Business School, China University of Political Science and Law) Trang Hoang (RECOFTC)	Local and industry perspectives