

Title	Forestry in NDCs-Expert Discussion
Organizer	Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (FAO)
Type of event	Discussion forum; Closed-door meeting
Venue	GCF Secretariat
Date/Time	Monday, June 17; 09:00-16:30
Event description	
<p>The importance of forestry in the Paris Agreement is underlined by the fact that this is the only sector with a dedicated article under the Agreement – article 5 concerning support for REDD+ in developing countries. This importance is reflected in the Nationally-determined Contributions (NDCs) developed by Asia-Pacific countries towards implementation of the Agreement; over 80% of NDCs in the region explicitly include forestry actions for climate change mitigation, adaptation or both, Three years after the Paris Agreement was ratified, countries are now in a position to review their NDCs with a view to enhancing the level of their ambition in the decade leading up to 2030, the deadline for achieving the global objectives set out at Paris. All countries are thus expected to submit updated NDCs to the UNFCCC within 2020 and there is an opportunity to review the importance of the forestry sector in the Asia-Pacific region in efforts to address and respond to climate change, and assess how countries can reflect this in NDCs and their subsequent implementation. The event will consist of a structured dialogue with invited experts from across the region, representing government, civil society and academia, with direct experience of negotiations relating to forest and climate change at national and international levels. It will cover a range of issues and topics drawn up in advance and the proceedings will be recorded. The output will be a Q+A style policy brief.</p>	