



Session Title:

Tackling Complexity in Forest and Landscape Restoration – a Best Practices Sharing Session

Organised by:



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Date:

6 December 2015

Time:

17:35-18:20

Venue:

Pavilion D Nature and Climate Change, Level 2 - Hall Maillot

Palais des Congres de Paris

2, Place de la Porte Maillot (GPS Coordinate: N 48 52' 46.147", E 2 17' 0.449")

Description:

Immense benefits for climate change objectives can be derived from forest and landscape restoration. However, for putting landscape-based restoration into practice, a better understanding of the challenges, opportunities and impacts on human livelihoods involved is needed.

This panel discussion aims at enhancing the understanding – among professionals and decisionmakers - of the complex mix of aspects and factors to be taken into account for a successful implementation of forest and landscape restoration and management.

Panelists will share best practices on landscape governance and restoration activities on the ground, as well as land-use trade-offs, benefit-sharing mechanisms (e.g. payments for environmental services or REDD+), equity, mitigation and adaptation. The session also intends to foster partnerships for knowledge management and capacity building to support improved multiple benefits from forest landscape restoration in the tropics.

Speakers/Panelist:

John Stanturf (IUFRO / WRI Project)

Forest landscape restoration as a key component of climate change mitigation and adaptation

Kathleen Buckingham (WRI / ITTO)

Assessing the ITTO Guidelines for Restoration

Richard Houghton (WHRC)

A role for tropical forests in stabilizing atmospheric CO2 concentrations

Tint Lwin Thaug (AFOLU working group of LEADS GP)

Equity priorities and challenges in the context of REDD+ in Mekong countries

Virgilio Viana (FAS)

Empowerment and benefit-sharing for conserving the forest: lessons learnt from the Amazon



Speaker profile:
Tint Lwin Thaung, (PhD)



Dr. Thaung has more than 30 years of professional experience in forest management, forest research, and community forestry. Prior to joining RECOFTC, Dr. Thaung worked as a Training and Institutional Development Advisor with The Nature Conservancy, led the Responsible Asia Forestry and Trade (RAFT) Program and headquartered at the IUCN Regional Office for Asia in Bangkok. Dr. Thaung has worked extensively in the region with particular focus on Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Australia, and Myanmar, where he began his career as a national park warden, moving up to become Country Program Coordinator for the Wildlife Conservation Society and Deputy Country Coordinator for SWISSAID-Myanmar. He also served as an Asia-Pacific regional forest conservation coordinator of The Nature Conservancy's Indo-Pacific resource centre in Brisbane, Australia. Dr. Thaung has had a long association with RECOFTC, and community involvement in forest management has been a consistent focus in his professional practice.