



Session Title:

Peatland Management in Southeast Asia

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Time:

15.00 - 15.30

Venue:

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

Palais des Congres de Paris

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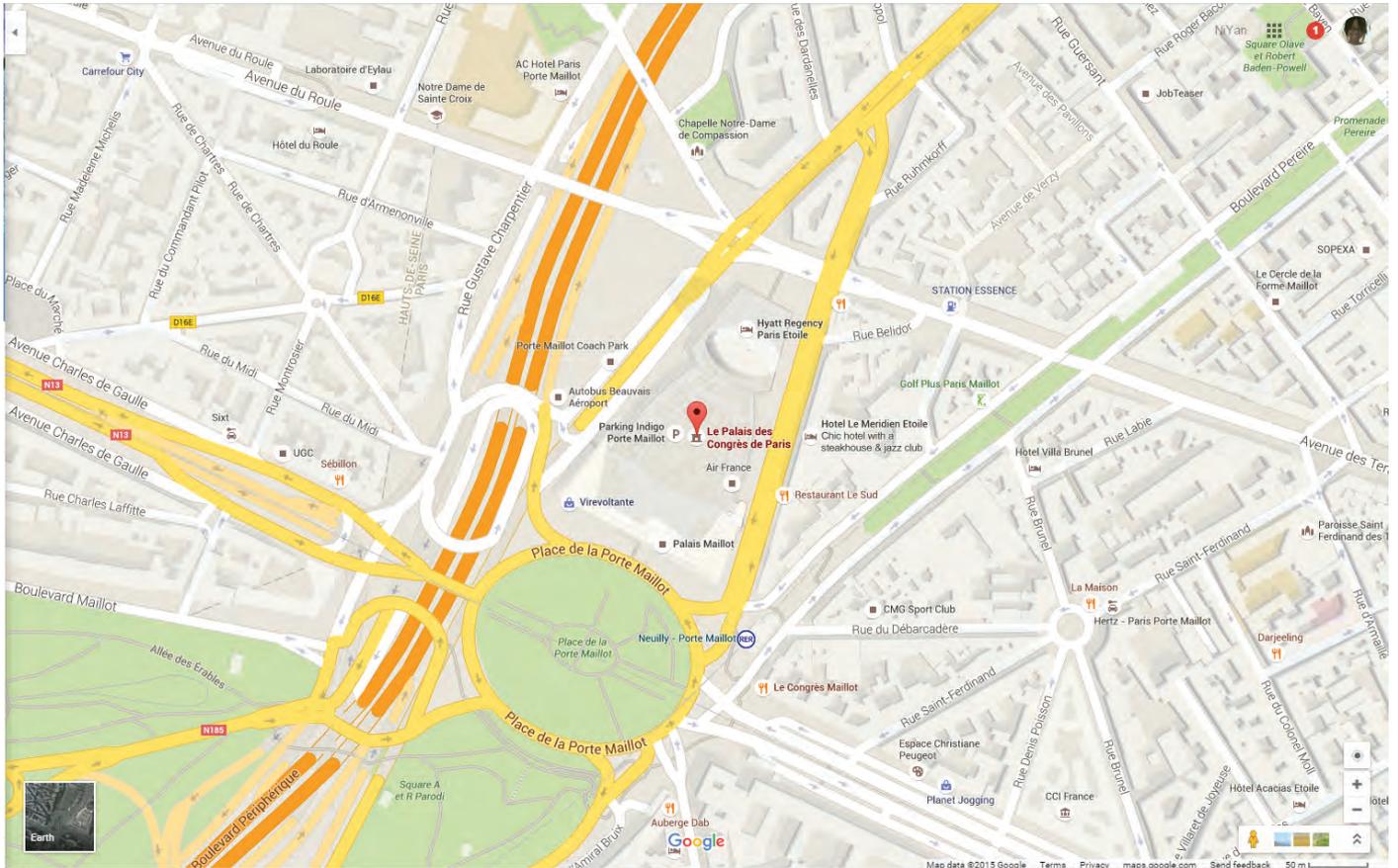
Southeast Asia has more than 60% of the world's tropical peatlands covering about 25 million hectares. These peatlands are critical in regulating global climate, conserving biodiversity and sustaining water resources and local livelihoods. However, many peatlands in the region are being affected by exploitation and unsustainable management practices. Large scale peatland drainage and conservation is responsible for much of the fires and transboundary haze which is one of the most serious regional environmental problems in SEA. The ASEAN Member States endorsed the establishment of a long term multi-stakeholder ASEAN Programme for Sustainable Management of Peatlands Ecosystems (2014-2020) (APSMPE) in September 2013. The APSMPE supports collaboration between different stakeholders (including government, private sector, communities and civil society) in the ASEAN region to achieve the goals of the ASEAN Peatland Management Strategy 2006-2020.

Speakers/Panelist:

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Faizal Parish is an environmental management specialist based in Malaysia since 1983. He is the Director of the Global Environment Centre, a Malaysian non-profit organization working throughout East and Southeast Asia on forest and peatland management, biodiversity, water resources and climate change. He was a Lead Author of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories and a contributing author to the recent 2013 IPCC Wetland Supplement. He coordinated the global Assessment on Peatlands Biodiversity and Climate Change in 2008.

He has been working with the ASEAN Member States to address the root cause of Transboundary Haze and GHG emission from peatlands in the ASEAN region since 1995. He was the Co-chair of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) Peatland Working Group (2009-2012) and is currently the Co-chair of RSPO Emission Reduction Working Group (2013-2016).