

RECAP FOR DAY 1

15 May 2017 - Morning Session



No.	Session/Topic	Presenter	Recap
1.	Opening Session Introductory Remarks/Remarks by Partner/Inaugural address	Mr. Patrick Durst/Dr. Sim/Mr. Anura/Mr. Yurdi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming participants to the 10th Executive Forest Policy Course - Some background of the course and its relation to the SDG agenda of poverty reduction - Background and roles of APAFRI - Some challenges in poverty reduction in Sri Lanka
2.	Ice Breaker	Mr. Yurdi Yasmi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ice breaking session for participants and resource persons to get to know each other



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3.	Introduction to the course	Mr. CTS Nair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants were asked to state their expectation for the course - Background of the Forest Policy Course - Poverty as the main challenge (“Rich forests – poor people syndrome”). - Course objectives - Issues and questions addressed with regards to poverty - What are the approaches of this course - Course module, daily schedule and the ground rules



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4.	Forest and poverty alleviation in Sri Lanka	Mr. Anura Sathurusinghe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest and community interaction (e.g. Agricultural practices, home garden, illegal logging etc..) - Present Forest Policy of Sri Lanka (1995) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objectives: Conservation, increase tree cover and enhance contribution of forestry - Drivers of Deforestation & Forest Degradation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amongst others: Infrastructure development, encroachment, localized degradation - Community Forestry in Sri Lanka and lesson learned - Way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing forest cover (29.7% of total land area) to be increased to 32% by 2030 - The approaches – E.g. Forest Landscape



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