



NINTH EXECUTIVE FOREST POLICY COURSE

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND THE FUTURE OF FORESTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC**

24 May - 2 June 2016, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

**AN OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE**

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# BACKGROUND

- On May 24, 2016 we all came together to embark on a collective learning journey.
- We are now at the end of the journey and soon we will go along our individual paths until we may meet again.
- The probability of all of us coming together as this group is unlikely.
- During the last 10 days we have spent many hours sharing, discussing and learning from each other.
- Considering the breadth and depth of the issues we discussed, it is impossible for me to summarise what has transpired during the entire course.
- Yet it is inappropriate to leave the place without making an attempt to take stock of what we have done.

# BACKGROUND

- Society – nature relationship is changing continuously and the speed of change is accelerating.
- More changes are in the horizon and the situation in the next 10 to 20 years and beyond will be , very different from what it is now.
- Climate change has become a defining event requiring significant changes in governance and technology.



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# BACKGROUND

- **Formulation and implementation of policies relating to natural resources, including forests, are becoming more complex.**
- **Policies, legislation, institutions and the mind-set appropriate to the 20<sup>th</sup> century may require change to make them appropriate to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**
- **The FAO Executive Forest Policy is designed to enhance the capacity to address the above challenges.**



# COURSE OBJECTIVES

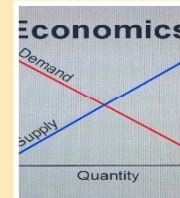
- **Improve the policy analysis skills, helping to gain a better understanding of the larger picture to improve policy formulation and implementation.**
- **Provide an understanding of the larger changes taking place at the global, regional, national and local levels and how they impact forests and forestry.**
- **Enhance the understanding of future scenarios of sustainable forest management in the Asia-Pacific.**
- **Provide an overview of innovations in governance and technologies that contribute to sustainable management of resources.**
- **Enhance the knowledge on various tools and techniques, including improved communication skills**



# COURSE MODULES



**The changing world**



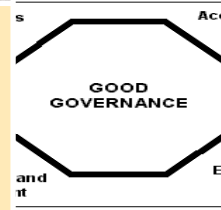
**Economics of forestry in a globalized world**



**Climate change, Paris agreement and forests**



**Communication and presentation skills**



**Forest governance challenges**



**Rebuilding forest capital**



**Technological innovations**



**Preparation of policy briefs**



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# MODULE 1: DRIVERS OF CHANGE

Module 1 was aimed to highlight the inevitability of change and to provide an idea of the key change drivers. We had the following presentations that touched upon most of the key aspects of change:

- An overview of Indonesian Forestry outlining evolution and where it is heading to.
- Drivers of change focusing on how demographic, economic, political, environmental and technical changes are collectively impacting forests and forestry.
- An exercise encouraging participants to think about three alternative scenarios.
- Overview of societal transition and linked the forest transition to larger societal changes.



# MODULE 2: CLIMATE CHANGE: PARIS AGREEMENT AND FORESTS

The following sessions addressed the different aspects of climate change and related areas.

- Climate change agreement and forests
- REDD+ in Indonesia – Past, present and future
- The future of production and trade of forest products
- Panel discussion: The future of forests in the context of climate change initiatives





# MODULE 3: FOREST GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES AND INSTITUTIONAL INNOVATIONS

Spread over two days a wide array of governance and institutional issues were addressed under this module, focusing on developments at the global and national levels. The main sessions under the module included:

- MDGs and SDGs and forestry in the global context.
- Conflicts in the use of forests.
- Policy process: Balancing the divergent demands on forests
- An overview of forest governance issues.
- Improving transparency and accountability
- Progress in implementing FLEGT
- Reforming public forestry institutions
- Leadership in forestry



## MODULE 4: TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Most of the issues relating to technological changes and the need for forestry to keep itself at the forefront of technological improvement was emphasized through the following sessions:

- The future direction of innovations and their impacts on forestry.
- Technological changes in forestry: An overview



# MODULE 5: ECONOMICS OF FORESTRY IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD: BACK TO BASICS

**Key issues relating to economics of forestry were addressed under the following sessions:**

- The economic dimension of forestry: How a globalized economy is impacting costs, benefits and their distribution**
- Financing of forestry**
- Payment for ecological services.**

**An open forum involving Neil Byron, Dong Han, Unna, Yurdi and CTS provided an opportunity to clarify a number of economic aspects relating to forestry.**



# MODULE 6: COMMUNICATION AND PRESENTATION SKILLS IN A NETWORKED WORLD

- **Yuli Ismartono provided an excellent overview of the issues to be considered in making communication effective.**



## MODULE 7: REBUILDING THE GREEN CAPITAL

**A wide range of issues relating to forest rehabilitation and restoration were addressed through the following sessions:**

- Rebuilding the forest capital: The challenges facing forest rehabilitation.**
- Korean experience of forest rehabilitation.**
- Lessons from forest rehabilitation: Experience sharing by participants.**
- Landscape approach to forest rehabilitation**





## MODULE 8: PREPARATION OF POLICY BRIEFS

**This was an activity that ran through the entire period of the course. Seven groups worked on the following topics:**

- Forests role in implementing the Paris agreement
- Making forest policies consistent with the UNSDGs
- Challenges in implementing REDD+: What needs to be done to make REDD+ more effective
- Opportunities and challenges in implementing PES.
- Improving the formulation of forest policies through a consultative process.
- Tenure improvement for strengthening community forestry
- Reforming public sector forestry organizations for enhancing efficiency in the delivery of services.



# FIELD TRIP

**The Ministry of Environment and Forestry facilitated a two-day field trip on 26 and 29 May to the following areas/ activities:**

- Wono Lestarforest farmer group managing forests
- Indonesian Handicrafts Producers Association (APIKRI)
- Imogiri pine forest whose management objective has been changed from wood production to ecotourism
- Cajaput oil production
- Kalibiru ecotourism.



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## SUMMING UP

Prof Neil Byron gave a concluding presentation “The future of forests and forestry: Steering through turbulence” giving an indication of the future uncertainties and how they may be confronted.

- Future will NOT just be same as before;
- Leaders must understand trends and disruptions,
- Challenges Vs Opportunities; and
- Differentiate between essential reforms and temporary fashions

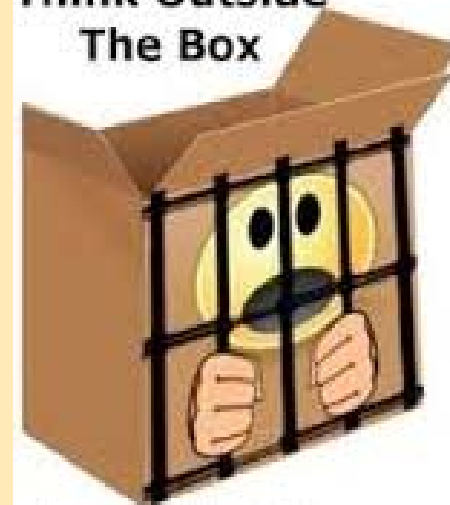




# SUMMING UP

- ❑ Transcend the forest sector boundaries – Consider what is happening outside the “Forests – Forestry Box”.
- ❑ Take a long term perspective and look far into the horizon to see what is coming.
- ❑ Make forestry more “people-centric” and less “forest-centric”.

Think Outside  
The Box





# THANK YOU



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