

NINTH EXECUTIVE FOREST POLICY COURSE

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

24 May – 2 June 2016
Yogyakarta, Indonesia

PROGRAMME

Monday 23 May 2016 - Arrival and registration of participants		
DAY 1: Tuesday 24 May 2016		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Opening ceremony and introduction to the course ❖ Module 1: The changing world: Key developments and uncertainties in the next few decades ❖ Module 8: Preparation of policy briefs 		
Time	Agenda/ Topic	Presenter/ Facilitator
0830 - 0900	Registration	APAFRI/ MOEF
0900 - 0945	Opening ceremony	
	Welcome remarks	Provincial Government Yogyakarta
	Introductory remarks	Patrick Durst, FAO
	Remarks by partners	Agus Suratno, GIZ
	Inaugural address	Agus Justianto, MOEF
	Vote of thanks	Gan Kee-Seng, APAFRI
	Group photo	
0945 - 1015	Coffee break	



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1015 - 1030	Ice breaker	Yurdi Yasmi, FAO
1030 - 1100	Introduction to the course	CTS Nair
1100 - 1200	Forests and forestry in Indonesia: Past, Present and Future	Agus Justianto, MOEF
1200 -- 1300	Drivers of change	Patrick Durst, FAO
1300 – 1400	Lunch break	
1400 – 1500	Exercise – How forests and forestry may look like in 2030	Yurdi Yasmi & CTS Nair
1500 – 1545	Society, forests and forest transition	CTS Nair
1545 - 1600	Coffee break	
1600 – 1700	Preparation of policy briefs – Introduction to the module and identification of topics	Yurdi Yasmi/ CTS Nair/ Sim Heok Choh
1730 - 2000	Welcome dinner hosted by MOEF Indonesia	
DAY 2: Wednesday 25 May 2016		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Module 2: Climate change: Paris Agreement and Forests – Can forestry rise to the occasion? ❖ Module 8: Preparation of policy briefs 		
0830 - 0845	Recap of issues discussed on Day 1	Selected participants
0845 - 0900	Introduction	CTS Nair
0900 -1030	Climate change agreements and forests	Beau Damen, FAO
1030- 1100	Coffee break	
1100 - 1200	REDD+ in Indonesia: Past, present and future.	Heru Prasetyo
1200 - 1300	Preparation of policy briefs	Yurdi Yasmi/ CTS Nair/ Sim Heok Choh
1300 - 1400	Lunch	
1400 - 1500	The future of production and trade of forest products	Steven Johnson, ITTO
1500 - 1530	Coffee break	
1530 - 1700	Panel discussion: The future of forests in the context of climate change initiatives	Heru Prasetyo/ Beau Damen/ Steven Johnson/ Patrick Durst
DAY 3: Thursday 26 May 2016: Field trip facilitated by MOEF Indonesia		

DAY 4: Friday 27 May 2016

- ❖ **Module 3: Forest governance challenges and institutional innovations**
- ❖ **Module 8: Preparation of policy briefs**

0830-0845	Recap of issues discussed on Day 2	Selected participants
0845- 0900	Introduction	CTS Nair
0900 – 1030	From MDGs to SDGs: Evolution of forest policies in the global context	CTS Nair & Yurdi Yasmi
1030-1100	Coffee break	
1100 -1200	Dealing with conflicts in the use of forests	Yurdi Yasmi, FAO
1200 - 1300	Policy process: Balancing the divergent demands on forests	CTS Nair
1300 -1400	Lunch	
1400 -1500	National development goals and forests and enhancing consistency between different sectoral policies - Discussion	Yurdi Yasmi & CTS Nair
1500 -1530	Coffee	
1530 -1700	Preparation of policy briefs	CTS Nair/ Yurdi Yasmi/ Sim Heok Choh

Day 5: Saturday 28 May 2016

- ❖ **Module 3: Forest governance challenges and institutional innovations**
- ❖ **Module 8: Drafting policy briefs**

0830 -0845	Recap of issues discussed on Day 3	Selected participants
0845 - 0900	Introduction	CTS Nair
0900 - 1030	Forest governance: An overview of the issues	Doris Capistrano, SDC/ASFN
1030 - 1100	Coffee break	
1100 -1200	Improving transparency and accountability in forest governance: Experience from the Asia-pacific	Doris Capistrano, SDC/ASFN
1200 - 1300	The FLEGT initiative: Progress so far and future directions	Andrew Haywood
1300 - 1400	Lunch	
1400 - 1500	Public forestry institutions: How can we make them more effective and efficient	CTS Nair
1500 - 1530	Coffee break	
1530-1630	Leadership in forestry for a changing world - Discussion	Yurdi Yasmi & CTS Nair
1630 - 1730	Debate: Tenure changes and community forestry	CTS Nair/ Yurdi Yasmi

DAY 6: Sunday 29 May 2016: Field trip facilitated by MOEF Indonesia

Day 7: Monday 30 May 2016

- ❖ **Module 6: Communication and presentation skills in a networked world**
- ❖ **Module 7: Rebuilding the green capital through restoration and rehabilitation**
- ❖ **Module 8: Preparation of policy briefs**

0830 - 0845	Recap of issues discussed on Days 5 and 6	Course participants
0845 - 0900	Introduction	CTS Nair
0900-1030	The art and science of communication in a changing world	Yuli Ismartono
1030-1100	Coffee break	
1100 - 1200	Rebuilding the forest capital: The challenges facing forest rehabilitation	Unna Chokkalingam
1200 - 1300	Korean experience of forest rehabilitation through social mobilisation	Dong Geun Han
1300 - 1400	Lunch break	
1400 - 1500	Lessons from forest rehabilitation: Experience sharing by participants	Unna Chokkalingam/ Yurdi Yasmi/ CTS Nair
1500 -1530	Coffee break	
1530 -1700	Preparation of policy briefs	CTS Nair/ Yurdi Yasmi/ Sim Heok Choh

Day 8: Tuesday 31 May 2016

- ❖ **Module 7: Rebuilding the green capital through restoration and rehabilitation**
- ❖ **Module 5: Economics of forestry in a globalized world: Back to basics**
- ❖ **Module 8: Drafting policy briefs**

0830 - 0845	Review of issues discussed on Day 7	Course participants
0845 - 0900	Introduction	CTS Nair
0900 - 1030	The landscape approach to forest rehabilitation: Pros and cons	Unna Chokkalingam
1030-1100	Coffee break	
1100-1200	The economic dimension of forestry: How a globalised economy is impacting costs, benefits and their distribution	Neil Byron
1200 -1300	Innovative financing mechanism: A jargon or realistic option	CTS Nair & Neil Byron
1300-1400	Lunch break	
1400 -1500	Economic aspects of environmental services: Opportunities and challenges in PES	CTS Nair

1500 -1530	Coffee break	
1530 -1630	Open forum on key economic issues	Neil Byron / CTS Nair /Dong Geun Han
1630- 1730	Preparation of policy briefs	CTS Nair/ Yurdi Yasmi/ Sim Heok Choh
Day 9: Wednesday 1 June 2016 ❖ Module 4: Technological innovations: Challenges and opportunities ❖ Module 8: Preparation of policy briefs		
0830-0845	Review of issues discussed on Day 8	Course participants
0845-0900	Introduction	CTS Nair
0900 - 1000	The future direction of innovations and their impacts on forestry	Neil Byron
1000-1030	Coffee break	
1030 - 1130	Technological changes in forestry: An overview	CTS Nair
1130 - 1300	The future of forests and forestry: Steering through turbulence	Neil Byron
1300 -1400	Lunch break	
1400 -1700	Finalization of policy briefs	Yurdi Yasmi / CTS Nair/ Sim Heok Choh
Day 10: Thursday 2 June 2016 ❖ Module 8: Preparation of policy briefs ❖ Course evaluation and closing session		
0900 -1000	Presentation of policy briefs	Participants
1000 -1030	Course evaluation	FAO/APAFRI
1030 -1100	Coffee break	
1100 - 1200	An overview of the course	CTS Nair
1200 -1300	Closing ceremony	
	Award of certificates	FAO
	Remarks by participants	
	Remarks by organizers	MOEF, FAO
	Vote of thanks	
1300 -1400	Lunch	
Friday 3 June 2016: Departure of participants		

ANNEX: RESOURCE PERSONS

Dr. Neil Byron



Neil is an eminent environmental economist, policy advisor and company director. He is currently Chair of the Institute for Active Policy established by Global Access Partners (GAP); A non-executive Director of Alluvium Consulting Pty Ltd a non-executive Director of the Earthwatch Institute Australia, a non-executive Director of the Institute of Foresters of Australia, and Chair of the Trust for Nature Foundation. He is an honorary Professor at the Institute of Applied Ecology at University of Canberra. He is also a part-time member of the NSW Marine Estate Management Authority's Expert Knowledge Panel. As Productivity Commissioner, he conducted over 25 national Productivity Commission Inquiries, specializing in the environment, sustainable development and natural resources management issues, for 12 years 1998 to 2010.

Previous employment was with Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Director of the Graduate Program in Environment and Development at ANU, and Assistant Director General of the Center for International Forestry Research, based in Indonesia.

Neil has an honours degree in Forest Science from the ANU and a masters and doctorate in resource & environmental economics from University of British Columbia, in Vancouver, Canada. He is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and was previously a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists and the Independent Science Panel for Great Barrier Reef Rescue Plan.

Dr. Doris Capistrano



Senior Advisor of the SDC-supported ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry and Climate Change (ASFCC)

Dr. Doris Capistrano is Senior Advisor of the SDC-supported ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry and Climate Change (ASFCC) and Senior Fellow of the Southeast Asia Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA). She was Director of Forests and Governance of the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and Visiting Professor in Forest and Conservation Policy of Wageningen University. She served as Ford Foundation's Deputy Representative for India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka and Program Officer for Rural Poverty, Resources and Environment in Bangladesh. She previously taught Economics at the University of the Philippines at Los Banos.

Dr. Unna Chokkalingam



Dr. Unna is a senior forestry expert, program/project manager and skilled writer with over 20 years' of experience in the forestry and natural resource field. Unna holds a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Chennai in India, a Master's in Forestry from the University of Massachusetts in the USA, and a PhD in Forestry from the University of Maine in the USA. She worked for over seven years as a scientist at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Indonesia. In that time she coordinated and conducted extensive research and dialogue on forests and related biophysical and socio-economic issues across Asia.

While in CIFOR, Unna led a 6-country study extracting lessons from over 50 years of rehabilitation initiatives implemented by different actors. Following from that work and continued engagement on the issue and in the region, she is well-acquainted with reforestation activities and outcomes across Asia, and the diverse array of institutional and legal arrangements, payment and incentive mechanisms behind these initiatives.

Through her research and consulting work in recent years, Unna is also very familiar with forestry and climate change-related policies and developments across the globe, and ongoing REDD+ readiness efforts in different Asian countries. In this time, she founded and ran the Forest Carbon Asia Regional Knowledge Management Platform which served to bring together information, analyses and reporting on forest and climate change-related policies, players and issues across the Asian region.

Unna spent five years in Lao PDR during which time she supported the government in a participatory forest law reform process, worked on ongoing REDD+ readiness efforts, and led a comprehensive forest governance diagnostic exercise for the country. Last year, she assisted Philippines in drafting a financing and benefit-sharing mechanism/ concept for REDD+ and other PES, and worked on peatland issues for the ASEAN. This year, she conducted a review of ASEAN member states' progress on climate change mitigation and adaptation in the forestry and land sector following the Paris Agreement, and pulled together recommendations for moving forward.

Unna is now based in Indonesia, and continues to work as a freelance consultant across the Asian region conducting research, reviews and analyses; providing policy advice; supporting multi-stakeholder processes and knowledge management; and providing technical support to ongoing projects.

Beau Damen



Natural Resources Officer – Climate Change and Bioenergy

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO-RAP)

Beau is the Natural Resource Officer – Climate Change and Bioenergy – for Asia and the Pacific. Over the past 12 years Beau has worked as a natural resource management specialist focused on promoting equitable, climate resilient and low emissions development in the region. Beau worked previously for FAO RAP from 2008 to 2013 as a consultant working on a range of bioenergy and climate change projects. Beau has also worked as a senior policy analyst for the Australian Government's Department of Resources and Energy in Canberra and as a Senior Climate Change specialist for the International Centre for Environmental Management in Hanoi.

Beau has experience delivering policy and field-level technical assistance programs on climate change adaptation and mitigation and renewable energy development for national governments, UN agencies, bilateral donors and multilateral development banks in over 15 countries in Africa, South and Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

Patrick B. Durst



EDUCATION

Master of Science, North Carolina State University (1985), Forest Economics

Bachelor of Science, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (1977), Forest Management

Associate of Science, University of Wisconsin Center – Richland (1974), Biology/Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Forestry Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, July 1997 – present
Develop, implement, coordinate, and monitor the program of work and activities of the Forestry Technical Department Group (RAPO) in collaboration with national government agencies, NGOs, and the private sector in Asia and the Pacific, and relevant staff within FAO.

Monitor trends and performance of the forestry sector in Asia and the Pacific; collect, analyze, and disseminate current information on forestry development in the region.

Provide technical assistance and advice to member countries of Asia and the Pacific (through direct consultations, organization of workshops and meetings, publication of reports, etc.) on policies and strategies for forestry development, particularly in the areas of investment, institutional development, planning, rural development, food security, environmental sustainability, climate change, bioenergy, socio-economic aspects of forestry, agroforestry and community forestry, forestry research, and forest products development and marketing.

Maintain close contacts with leading forestry officials throughout the region. Ensure a regular flow of information among government officials, NGOs, and other forestry stakeholders in the region. Regularly meet with heads of forestry agencies, research institutions, and industry associations to discuss issues and potential FAO support in the Asia-Pacific region.

Organize biennial sessions of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC); serve as Secretary for the Commission. Coordinate follow up to the Commission's recommendations, including inter-sessional activities.

Liaise with other key forestry and development organizations in Asia and the Pacific (including UNDP, UNEP, ESCAP, ASEAN, SAARC, SPC, ITTO, Asian Development Bank, World Bank, CIFOR, RECOFTC, ICRAF, IUCN, WWF, TNC, IUFRO, APAFRI, ICIMOD) to ensure coordinated and complementary activities and support to member countries.

Provide technical backstopping to ongoing FAO forestry projects. Work includes reviewing project reports and workplans, clearing consultant reports and terms of reference, identifying appropriate project staff and consultants, making technical field visits, monitoring project activities, participating in project workshops and training activities, and serving on Project Advisory Committees and Project Task Forces.

Regional Forestry Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, Jan. 1994 – July 1997

Acting Asia-Pacific Branch Chief, USDA Forest Service

International Forestry Operations, Washington, D.C., February 1993 – January 1994

Coordinator for Asia/Near East Programs, USDA Forest Service

Forestry Support Program, Washington, D.C., 1988 – 1993

Special Projects Coordinator, USDA Forest Service

Forestry Support Program, Washington, D.C., 1986 – 1988

Research Forester, USDA Forest Service

Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, Research Triangle Park, NC, 1983 – 1986

Fulbright Grantee, Philippine-American Educational Foundation

Manila, Philippines, 1984 – 1985

Research Assistant, North Carolina State University

Raleigh, North Carolina, USA, 1982 – 1984

Assistant Mensurationist, USDA Forest Service

Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, Asheville, North Carolina, USA, 1980 – 1982

Technical Resource Adviser, U.S. Peace Corps

Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines, 1980

Peace Corps Volunteer/Agroforestry Extensionist, U.S. Peace Corps

Candijay, Bohol, Philippines, 1978 – 1980

Forester, USDA Forest Service

Timber Management Staff, Washington, D.C., 1977

Forestry Aid, USDA Forest Service

Nicolet National Forest, Lakewood, Wisconsin, USA, 1976

Dr. Dong Geun Han



Dr. Han earned Ph.D from Purdue University, USA in the area of international economics before joining Yeungnam University as a faculty member in department of economics and finance. He has taught economics, finance, and international development for twenty years. He served as a vice president for budget and planning of Yeungnam University. Currently Dr. Han is the Director of the office of planning & coordination, Institute for International Development Cooperation of Yeungnam Univ. His interest area includes international development cooperation, poverty reduction programs, and Saemaul Undong as a community development framework.

Dr. Andrew Haywood



Senior REDD Expert

**Malaysia
Environmental Services**

Dr. Andrew Haywood's experience in forestry, policy and indigenous and community development, in both international and domestic arenas, has provided him with a unique mixture of social, ecological, and economic perspectives which he brings to the EU REDD Facility at the European Forestry Institute. Dr. Haywood has over 20 years' experience in natural resources management including significant periods working abroad consulting on large-scale natural resource management and sustainable forest management projects.

Specialities: Dr. Haywood is a respected senior executive with an outstanding record of achievement in the management of complex natural resource policy, research and program areas. Andrew is a self-motivated leader with a collaborative and consultative approach who is able work effectively with and through people – creating clarity of purpose, a focus on respect and effective partnerships, value creation by working across organisational boundaries.

Yuli Ismartono



Yuli Ismartono, a publisher of *Tempo English*, a weekly current affairs magazine, hails from Indonesia and has been in journalism and media relations for three decades. She has worked for the Tempo Media Group since 1983, specifically for the Indonesian-language *Tempo* magazine, until it was banned by the New Order regime in 1994. She was assigned to cover conflict areas and interviewed leaders such as the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto, former South Korean president Dim Dae Jung, Cambodia's King Norodom Sihanouk and many others.

During *Tempo's* ban, Ms Ismartono worked for the public relations department of Indonesian broadcasting company SCTV and did consulting work for a number of companies in the field of communications strategy. She rejoined *Tempo* magazine in 2002 when it started publishing again following the start of Indonesia's reform era. Her new job was chief editor of *Tempo English*, a unit of the newly-formed TEMPO Media Group. In May 2015, she became publisher of *Tempo English*, in charge of its overall management and operations. She is concurrently the founder and managing editor of *AsiaViews*, a monthly regional magazine which is distributed as a news supplement of some publications in the ASEAN countries Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.

Ms Ismartono sits on the board of a number of institutions, such as the New York-based Natural Resources Governance Institute (NRGI), the Bali-based Coral Triangle Center, launched by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in 2000, to assist in the capacity-building of tropical marine conservation managers and practitioners in seven countries of the Asia-Pacific. She is also sits the in governing board of Prestasi Junior Indonesia (PJI), a foundation aimed at providing young Indonesians with extra-curricular training to value free enterprise, business and economics, by providing youths with school-to-work initiatives.

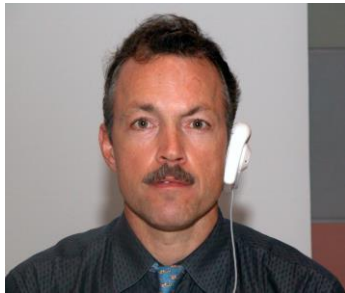
She is also involved in Altsean-Burma, an NGO working to advocate democracy in Myanmar and she is also a member of the International Advisory Council of the Washington, DC-based consultancy firm APCO.

Ms Ismartono received her undergraduate studies in political science in New Delhi, India and her graduate studies in journalism at Syracuse, New York, USA.

She is a member of AJI (Alliance of Independence Journalists), the Jakarta Editors Club, the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand and the Jakarta Foreign Correspondents Club.

Ms Ismartono is an Eisenhower Fellow.

Dr. Steven Johnson, ITTO



Dr. Steven Johnson is a Canadian who studied forestry at the University of British Columbia. His PhD in forest economics was undertaken at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, after which he lectured in forest management and economics at the University of Melbourne in Australia. During this time his research interests included socio-economic impact studies of communities affected by the World Heritage listing of Australia's wet tropics and subsequent cessation of timber production from these areas. This led to contacts with and subsequent recruitment by ITTO in 1990, where he served 12 years in the division of Economic Information and Market Intelligence followed by 11 years as Communications Manager. His current post since 2013 is Assistant Director of the division of Trade and Industry and he is currently serving as ITTO's Officer-in-Charge (November 2015 until at least early 2017). He is a key part of ITTO's senior management team and oversees various aspects of ITTO's technical program promoting sustainable forest management throughout the tropics.

Dr. Agus Justianto



Dr. Agus Justianto has dedicated his 30 years working experience as professional and government employee of the Ministry of Forestry of Indonesia. Since 2015, he became a Senior Advisor to the Minister on Natural Resource Economics, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry in Indonesia. He started his work on 1986 as Forest Inventory specialist deal with a National Forest Inventory Project. Prior to his tenure as Senior Advisor to the Minister, Dr. Agus Justianto was assigned as a Director of Forest Products Processing and Marketing in the Ministry of Environment and Forestry. He holds a Doctoral Degree on Agriculture Economics, a Master Degree on Natural Resources, and a Bachelor Degree on Forestry. He has experienced for many years for forest governance, climate change, sustainable development.

Dr. CTS Nair



Dr. Nair is currently a freelance consultant in natural resources management based in India. He has a multi-disciplinary academic background as also a diversified experience profile with over 45 years in various capacities in India and abroad. He was in the Indian Forest Service for about 20 years and a major part of his career was with the Kerala Forest Research Institute. Dr. Nair was with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for about 20 years and worked in Sudan, Thailand and Rome in various capacities, including as Chief Economist in the Forestry Department. After retirement from FAO he worked in India in Kerala state as Executive Vice President of the State Council for Science, Technology and Environment as also the Principal Secretary, Science and Technology Department. His main areas of interest are assessment of long term changes in the use of natural resources, policy and institutional analysis and science and technology management. He has been coordinating the Executive Forest Policy courses since 2013.

Heru Prasetyo



Head, REDD+ Management Agency, Indonesia

Since December 2013, H.E. Heru Prasetyo has been the Head of the National REDD+ Agency. Previously, he has been member of the National REDD+ Task Force since 2010. His responsibilities included chairing the global REDD+ Partnership and developing the national framework on climate change mitigation in forestry, agricultural sectors and natural resources. He has also been Deputy I of Planning and International Relations of the President's Special Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight (UKP4) since 2009 and Secretary of the National Committee of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Previously, Mr. Prasetyo was the Director for International Relations of the Executing Agency for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Aceh-Nias (2005 – 2009), proving himself as an effective interlocutor with foreign donors and the 420 NGOs that worked in Aceh and Nias. Over its four-year life, the agency allocated US\$6.7 billion and built over 140,000 homes, 1,759 school buildings, 363 bridges and 13 airports.

Mr Prasetyo has been active as a School Advisory Council member of the School of Business and Management (SBM), Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB) since 2004. From 2000-2003, he was as a member of the Governing Board and the Executive Board of the Partnership For Governance Reform (Kemitraan). In 1999, he was a founding committee member of the Indonesia Business Link, an organization of MNCs focused on strengthening Indonesia's Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Mr. Prasetyo has extensive private sector experience, having been a consultant for more than 15 years, and served as Country Managing Director for Indonesia at Accenture in 2002 (1974 – 2002).

Mr. Prasetyo graduated from Industrial Engineering, Institut Teknologi Bandung in 1974 and received his Master of Business Management from Asian Institute of Management in 1978.

Dr. Sim Heok-Choh



Dr. Sim Heok-Choh, is a mechanical engineering graduate from the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He obtained his Master and Doctoral Degrees in Forest Products from the University of Idaho, USA. Started his career with the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) in 1977, Dr Sim has been an active researcher in forest products for more than twenty years. His work focused on wood processing and utilization, and production management in forest products enterprises. He has also involved in short term assignments in a number of countries, including Peru, Chile, the Philippines, China and Laos. He moved on to head a unit administrating consultancy and technical services of FRIM for about four years, and was also responsible for several research management activities for a couple of years before being assigned to be the administrator of the Asia Pacific Association of Forestry Research Institutions (APAFRI) Secretariat, hosted by FRIM, in 2002. He was appointed as Executive Secretary from 2009 until 2015.

Dr. Yurdi Yasmi



Dr. Yasmi is a leading natural resource manager, thinker and scientist. With 18 years of experience, he currently works as the focal point for Sustainable Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery & the Forest Policy Officer for Asia and the Pacific at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) based in its Regional Office in Bangkok.

Before joining FAO in 2013, he was with the World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) in Hanoi as the Coordinator of the Humidtropics Mekong Region and Manager for Agroforestry for Livelihoods of Smallholder Farmers Programme (AFLI). Prior to that, he worked as the Head of Research and Capacity Building, the largest Unit, at RECOFTC – the Center for People and Forests – in Bangkok. Between 2003 and 2007, he worked for the forest and nature conservation policy group of Wageningen University, Netherlands. Dr. Yasmi started his career as a researcher at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Indonesia where he worked for six years.

He has served on a number of high level panels. He was appointed by the World Bank as one of the eight high level members of the Expert Panel for Forest Investment Program (FIP). He was a member of IUFRO Review Panel Committee and a member of Global Expert Panel of IUFRO's global initiatives on International Forest Regime; and World Forest, Society and Environment (WFSE). Additionally, he was an expert member of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) for sustainable forest management in the tropics.

He has been guest lectures in Thailand, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Germany, Viet Nam and Netherlands. He has published over 70 scientific publications in scientific articles, books, book chapter, etc. He received a PhD and MSc from the Forests and Nature Conservation Policy Department of Wageningen University, the Netherlands; and BSc from Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia.