



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

**INTRODUCTION TO THE
COURSE**

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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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- **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 20th century may require change to make them appropriate to the 21st century.**
- **The FAO Executive Forest Policy is designed to enhance the capacity to address the above challenges.**



THE MAIN ISSUES

- ❑ How the world around us is changing and what will be the future paths of societal development.
- ❑ How do we make forestry relevant, effective and efficient in meeting the changing needs of society?



COURSE OBJECTIVES

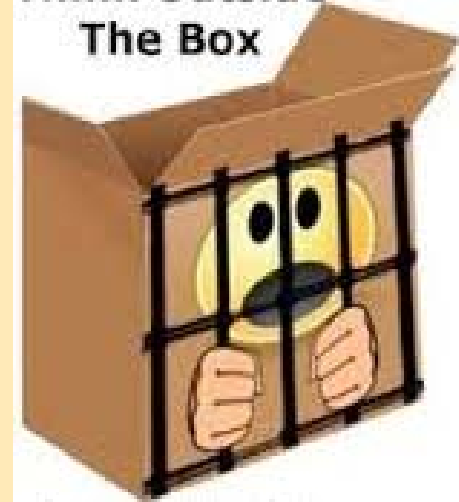
- **Improve the policy analysis skills, helping to gain a better understanding of the larger picture to improve policy formulation and implementation.**
- **Provide an understanding of the larger changes taking place at the global, regional, national and local levels and how they impact forests and forestry.**
- **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**



THE FOCUS

- ❑ 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”.

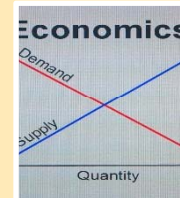
Think Outside
The Box



COURSE MODULES



The changing world



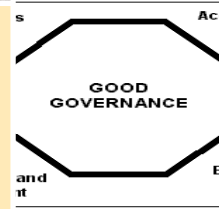
Economics of forestry in a globalized world



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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THE APPROACH

- Emphasis on fully tapping into the knowledge and experience of participants and resource persons.
- Question conventional wisdom and avoid the myth traps.
- Be at the forefront or cutting edge.



THE DAILY ROUTINE

- A synthesis of issues discussed during the previous day.
- A short introduction to the modules/ sessions of the day.
- Presentation by resource persons/ facilitators and discussion.
- Group tasks
- Preparation of policy briefs – A key output of the course
- Field trip on 26 and 29 May



SOME GROUND RULES

- Focus on the most critical issues.
- Interventions to be brief and to the point.
- Do not dominate – Give a chance to every one – especially to the younger colleagues.
- Listen to others – It is the most important source of knowledge.
- Build on the issues raised and maintain the thread of discussion to take them to their logical conclusion





Change will come in the most unexpected way from the least expected place!

Let us prepare ourselves to embrace change!!

