

# Forest Policies for the 21st Century

## Sixth Executive Forest Policy Course

27 May - 6 June 2013, Thimphu, Bhutan

## *INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE*

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Organized by: Asia-Pacific Forest Policy Think Tank

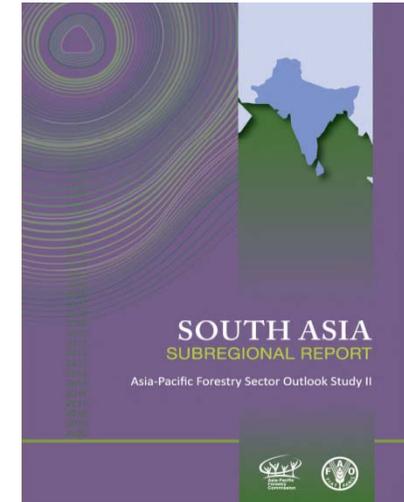


# BACKGROUND

- **Multiple challenges – Increasing complexities of the problems in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**
- **Accelerating pace of change: Often we are in not in a position to comprehend them, let alone address them.**
- **We are often dealing with the 21<sup>st</sup> century problems with policies and institutions developed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.**
- **Ongoing efforts by FAO and other organizations to enhance policy and planning capabilities in the forest sector.**
- **Launching of the Asia-Pacific Forest Policy Think Tank in November 2011 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Forest Week.**

# BACKGROUND

- **One of the APFPTT activity is the continuation of the policy courses as a regular event.**
- **Rio+20 and the ongoing discussion on pursuing a “green path” to development.**
- **Initial thrust was to have a South Asia focused policy course with the theme “Forest policies in the post Rio+20 world” as a follow up to the South Asia Outlook study.**
- **Rio+20 outcomes (or precisely their absence) led us to have a more forward looking theme and thus the present theme “Forest policies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”.**
- **Once the initial announcement was made, considerable interest was evinced by several organizations and now we have participants from 11 countries .**



# OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

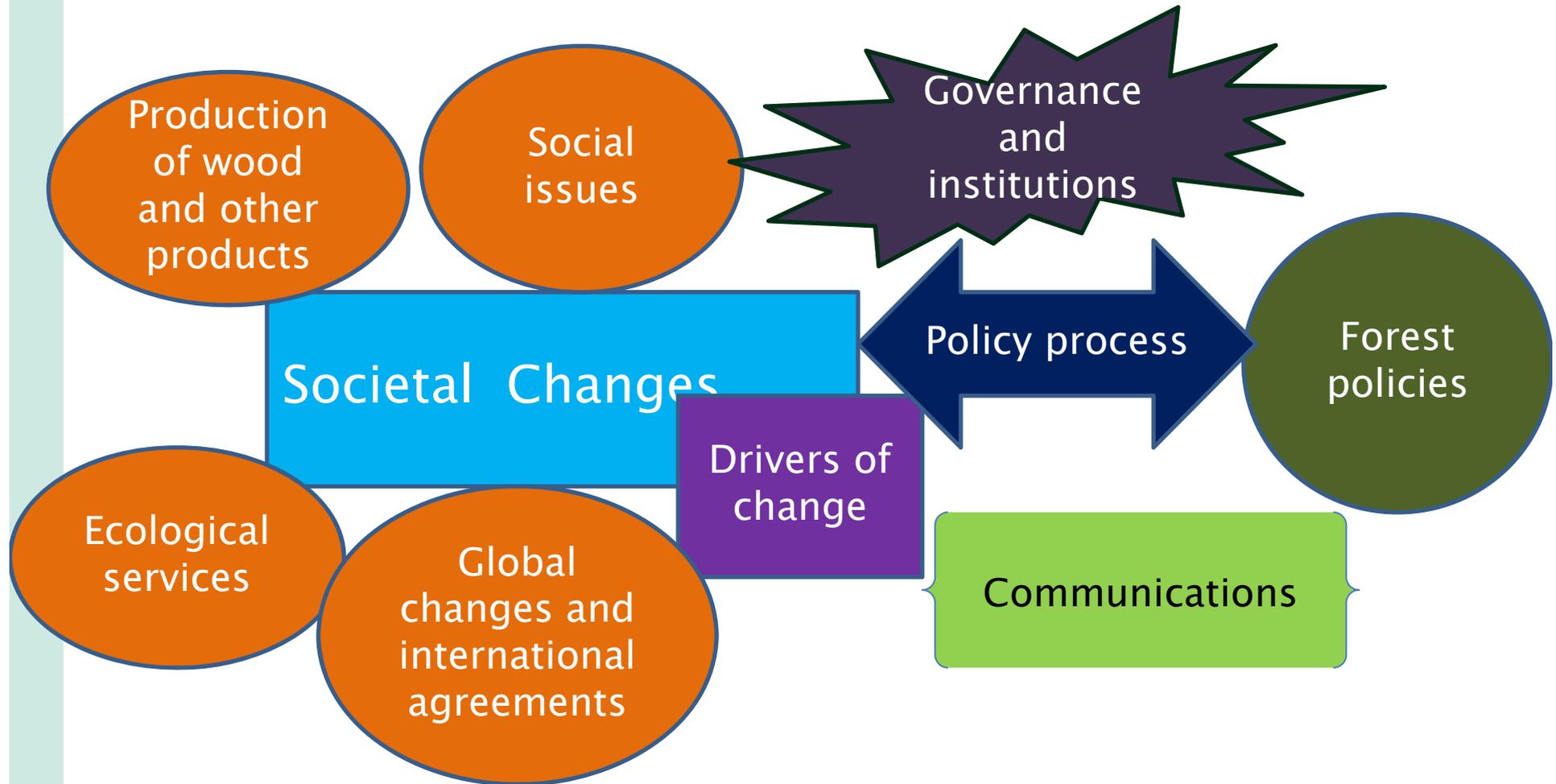
- **Develop an in-depth understanding of the implications of larger societal changes including globalization and localization and the imperatives of current and emerging international agreements and conventions on the forest sector.**
- **Enable sharing of experiences and best practices in adapting the forestry sector in the context of the transition to a Green Economy.**
- **Explore ideas and tools for policy analysis and development and their application in Asia.**

# OUR EXPECTATIONS

**By the end of the course we expect the following:**

- **Participants would have gained a better understanding of the complexity of the problems that forestry will have to face in the next few decades.**
- **Better equipped to analyze the problems and identify what may be more appropriate under different circumstances.**
- **Enhanced the ability to effectively communicate ideas/ perceptions/ views to the different stakeholders.**
- **Produced briefs on important policy related issues.**

# COURSE COMPONENTS



# THE DAYS AHEAD

Day	Topic	Presenters/ Facilitators
Day 1	Societal changes and crafting forest policies for the future: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Drivers of change and changes in society</li> <li>•Group discussion on drivers of change</li> <li>•Discussion of the problems/ issues for course work</li> </ul>	Patrick / CTS/ Sim
Day 2	Policy process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Policy formulation process</li> <li>•Common problems in forest policy formulation</li> <li>•Country experience sharing</li> <li>•Discussion on course work topics</li> <li>•Special lecture on GNH</li> </ul>	Jennifer Patrick/ Sim  Dasho Karma Ura
Day 3	Production of wood and other products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Trends in wood production</li> <li>•Cross-border trade</li> <li>•Non-wood forest products</li> <li>•Wood fuel futures</li> <li>•Drafting policy briefs</li> </ul>	CTS, Manoharan, Pasang, Jennifer, Sim

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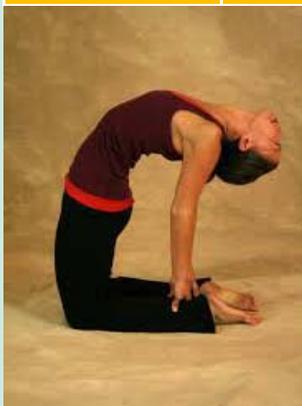
Day	Topic	Presenters/ Facilitators
Day 4	International agreements and national forest policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•International agreements</li> <li>•Rio+20, green economy and forest policies</li> <li>•Debates on impacts of international agreements</li> <li>•Group work/ Preparation of briefing notes on international agreements</li> </ul>	Jennifer/ CTS/ Sangay/ Sim
Day 5	Effective communication in building consensus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Secrets of effective communication</li> <li>•Social networks and forestry</li> <li>•Emerging revolution in forest monitoring and information</li> <li>•Preparation of policy briefs</li> </ul>	Nigel/ Jennifer/CTS/ Sim
Day 6	Governance and institutions in implementing forest policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Challenges in reforming forestry institutions/ Assessment of forestry institutions</li> <li>•Critical issues in forest governance</li> <li>•FLEGT</li> <li>•Re-greening and restoration</li> </ul>	Eva/ CTS/ Aimi/ Nigel/ Sim/ Udhayan

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Day 7	Field trip – 0830 – 18.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Silvicultural operations at Hongtsho</li> <li>•Royal Botanical Garden at Lamperi</li> <li>•Thinley Gang village</li> </ul>	Kinley / Kezang / Kinley
Day 8	Social issues and forest policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Defining social issues, emerging conflicts, policy responses and managing conflicts</li> <li>•Role playing session – Facing the crowd in dealing human-wildlife conflicts</li> </ul>	Yurdi/ CTS/ Jennifer  Volunteers
Day 9	Provision of ecological services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Case studies</li> <li>•Valuation and payment for ecological services</li> <li>•Carbon markets, REDD+ and national forest policies</li> <li>•Preparation of policy briefs</li> </ul>	Jennifer/ CTS

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Day	Topic	Presenters/ Facilitators
Day 10	Analysis of national forest policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Are forest policies becoming irrelevant</li><li>•An overview of the course</li><li>•Presentation of course work</li></ul>	CTS/ KJ
Day 11	Presentation of course work Course evaluation Closing function	CTS/KJ/ Sangay



**Yoga on alternate days facilitated  
by Yoga Master Dr. John**

# INVOLVEMENT OF PARTICIPANTS

- **Most of the participants have long experience and we aim to bring out and share your knowledge.**
- **All have to actively participate in the discussions and debate.**
- **Group work to draft policy briefs.**
- **Every day a group of two will summarise what has been addressed during the previous day.**

# A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

- **11 Countries** representing the enormous diversity in terms of demography, economy, history and the varied efforts to manage forests.
- **Extremely high (Bangladesh: 1246/ km<sup>2</sup>) to very low population densities (Bhutan 19/ km<sup>2</sup>).**
- **Wide variation in forest cover (less than 5% in Pakistan to 69% in Bhutan)**
- **Long history of forest management and in many countries Forest Departments have been established more than 150 years ago.**
- **A major source of tropical timber supplies (Indonesia and Myanmar).**
- **Long history of innovative management efforts – community forestry in Nepal and the Philippines, JFM in India).**
- **Expansion of farm tree planting (Pakistan and India)**

*Thank You*