

# INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

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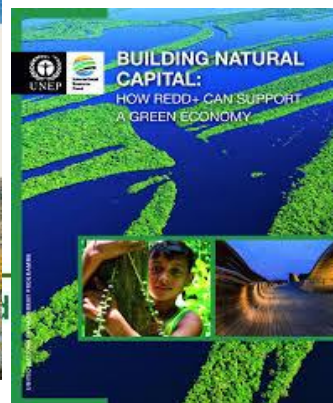
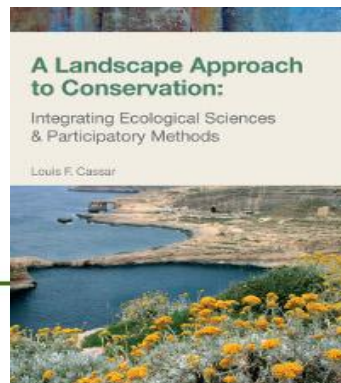
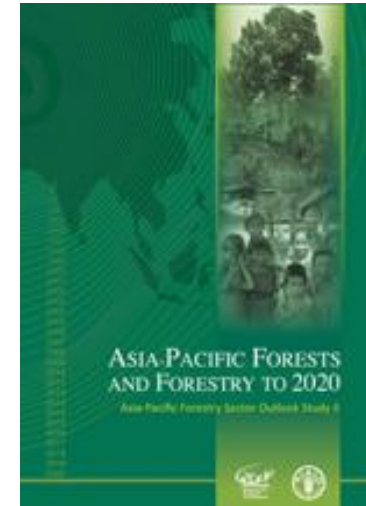
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# BACKGROUND

- Society – nature relationship is changing continuously and the speed of change is accelerating.
- More changes are in the horizon and the situation in 5 to 10 years and beyond will be very different from what it is today.
- Policies, legislation, institutions and of course the mind-set appropriate to the 20<sup>th</sup> century will be incapable of handling 21<sup>st</sup> century problems.
- Increasing complexity in the formulation of natural resources management policies.
- Executive Forest Policy is being designed to enhance the capacity to address some the above challenges.

# BACKGROUND

- ❑ Assessment of the long term changes in the forest sector through the Asia-Pacific Forest Sector Outlook study.
- ❑ The increasing concern about climate change impacts.
- ❑ A large number of initiatives at the global and national levels (REDD+, Landscape approach, and so on).
- ❑ Growing interest in the pursuit of a “Green Path” to socio-economic development.



# ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

- How the world around us is likely to change?
- How do we make forestry relevant, effective and efficient in meeting the changing needs of society?

# COURSE OBJECTIVES

## The main objectives of the course are:

- Analyze the implications of larger changes – demographic, economic, social, environmental and technological - and how society is responding to the many challenges**
- Assess the future scenarios for sustainable forest management.**
- Improve the ability to critically analyse policies and programmes impacting forests and to share knowledge and experience.**
- Impart knowledge and skills in the use of various policy analysis tools**

# EXPECTATIONS FROM THE COURSE

**By the end of the course we expect the participants would have:**

- Gained a better understanding of the complexity of developing and implementing forest policies that helps to address the current and emerging needs/ demands of a changing society.
- Better equipped to analyse the problems and to identify what options are available and appropriate.
- Enhanced the ability to effectively communicate ideas/ perceptions/ views to different stakeholders.
- Produced policy notes/ briefs on important issues relevant to forestry/ land use issues



# THE FOCUS

- ❑ **Providing the larger picture: Crossing the boundaries of forests and looking at what is happening outside the “forests- forestry box”.**
- ❑ **Taking a long term view and visioning the future.**
- ❑ **Making forestry “people-centric” and much less “forest-centric”.**

# COURSE MODULES

**Eight interlinked modules focusing on critical to forest policy formulation and implementation**

1. The unfolding future: Societal changes, land use and forestry.
2. The environmental dimension.
3. The challenge of meeting future wood demand.
4. The policy process.
5. Governance, accountability and transparency.
6. Effective communication.
7. Restoration and rehabilitation of degraded forests.
8. Preparation of policy briefs.

Several core issues like tenure, gender, conservation, etc. although not explicitly listed as separate modules have been mainstreamed into the 8 modules.



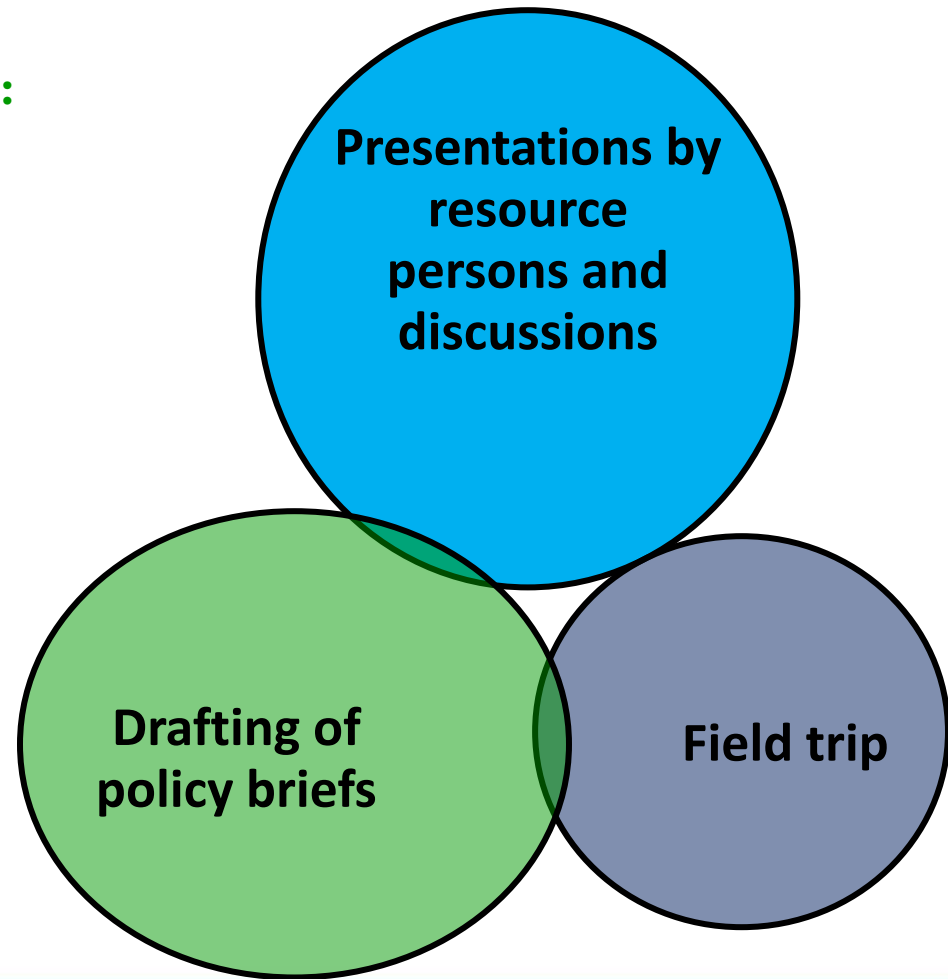
# THE OVERALL APPROACH

- **Emphasis on fully tapping into the experience and knowledge of the participants and resource persons:**

*“All participants are resource persons and all resource persons are participants”.*

- **Questioning conventional wisdom and avoiding the traps of myths.**

- **Be at the forefront or cutting edge**



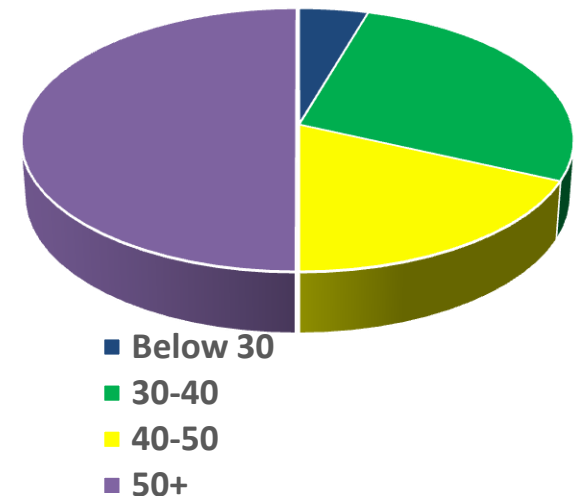
# THE DAILY ROUTINE

- A 10 minute synthesis of issues discussed during the previous day by two volunteers from the participants:**
- A short introduction to the modules and the sessions of the day.**
- Presentation by resource persons/ facilitators and discussions.**
- Group work and discussions.**
- Drafting of policy briefs, which will form a key output of the Course.**

# COURSE PARTICIPATION

- 25 participants from 12 countries.**
- A large proportion of very senior people with a lot of experience.**
- Women representation quite significant.**
- Resource persons with wide ranging experience in very diverse situations.**

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS



**A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE, DISCUSS AND DEBATE  
HOW FORESTRY IS EVOLVING AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO  
MAKE IT RELEVANT TO PEOPLE**

# SOME GROUND RULES

- Focus on the most critical issues and be very brief.**
- Do not dominate – Give a chance to every one, in particular to the young foresters.**
- Listen to others – Every one has a role in building collective knowledge.**
- Build on issues raised and maintain the thread of discussion to arrive at logical conclusions.**



***Thank You***

