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ASIA-PACIFIC FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK STUDY III

**REGIONAL YOUTH CONSULTATION WORKSHOP
ON THE OUTLOOK TOWARDS THE
FUTURE OF FORESTS AND FORESTRY**

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CONCEPT NOTE

The Asia-Pacific region is home to 60 percent of the world's youth population. The 700 million people aged 15 to 24 living in Asia and the Pacific are a potent force for social change. However, the youth faces vulnerabilities from socio-economic challenges which push them further to marginalization. Moreover, the youth sector is differentiated by economic class, age, political status, etc. In the context of forestry, young people in the rural areas battle with forced migration, landlessness, and inadequate access to social services, among others. While, young professionals and students deal with issues on unemployment, inadequate compensation, lack of education and training opportunities, etc.

Given this situation, young people hold power and potential that are pivotal in shaping a sustainable future. The youth are not only the leaders in the future. Now more than ever, youth involvement is gaining traction and impact on policy and decision making. In the recent news, the youth take the center stage in taking and asserting actions for the betterment of the world now and for the generations to come.

With the crucial role of youth in addressing the challenges we face today, it is imperative to include the youth perspectives in the process of the Third Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study (APFSOS III). In

collaboration with governments and partners, FAO has undertaken regional and global outlook studies to assess how the future is likely to unfold and to identify challenges and opportunities that are likely to emerge. The APFSOS III will help to provide a clear picture of emerging opportunities and challenges for forestry in Asia and the Pacific to 2030 and beyond, laying out a solid foundation for long-term strategic planning by decision-makers including governments, investors, industries, international organizations, and civil society organizations.

Jointly organized by UN Food and Agriculture Organization – Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, International Forestry Students' Association, and RECOFTC – The Centre for People and Forests, the regional youth consultation workshop aims to gather youth participants coming from diverse, forest-related backgrounds, academia, research, government, NGO, and development sector. The youth participants will be engaged through meaningful and interactive sessions to discuss their stories and contexts, values and attribution to forests, and perspectives towards the future. The workshop involved interactives methods and sessions to capture this information from the youth.

Objectives

The workshop aims to gather youth participants to discuss their outlook towards the future of forests and forestry. Specifically, it aims:

- Engage youth in meaningful conversation and interactive sessions;
- Listen to their stories, views, and experiences;
- Capture the meanings and values they ascribe to forests;
- Note the opportunities and constraints that they encounter;
- Account their visions, perceptions, and insights towards the future; and
- Understand its implications on the outlook for the forestry sector.

Expected outputs

The outputs of the youth workshop will be consolidated and integrated into APFSOS III. In particular, the outputs are:

- Understanding of the context of youth and the values the youth attribute to forests
- Consolidated views of the future, with particular emphasis on forests and landscapes
- Analysis of the opportunities and the barriers that affect youth and their choices and decisions

Agenda

- 0800 – 0830 Registration
- 0830 – 0840 **KICK-OFF**
*What are we doing here? What is APFSOS III?
Why incorporate youth perspectives?
What are the goals of the workshop?*
- 0840 – 0900 **INTRODUCTIONS: Getting to know YOUth!**
*Who are you? Where do you come from? What is your story?
What is the item that best represent your relation to forests?*
- 0900 – 1000 **TELL ME ABOUT FORESTS**
What does forests mean to you? What is/are meaning(s) you ascribe to trees, forests and nature/environment? Will the forests matter in the future? How do you see the value of forests in the future?
- 1000 – 1200* **VISIONING TOWARDS THE FUTURE**
Paint the picture of future forests and landscapes
*How do you see the future of forests and landscapes?
Is it bright or bleak? What are the significant change(s) in the future?
Which change do you find most impactful?*
- 1200 – 1330 Lunch
- 1330 – 1430 **WORD CLOUD**
What are the words that best describe the future of forests and forestry in 2050?
- 1430 – 1530 **DREAM JOBS AND THE FUTURE**
*What is your dream job? What do you think will be your future job?
Do you consider your dream job as a "green job"? What are the factors that lead you to your career choice? What are the opportunities/constraints in getting your dream job? What are the forces that push or pull you in/outside the forestry sector?*
- 1530 – 1630* **TWEET AND MEDIA HEADLINES**
What do you think will be the media headlines in 2050 about the forests?
- 1630 – 1700 **SYNTHESIS: What now?**

Participants

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