



The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) proudly present:

Forests and Climate Change

at Asia Pacific Forestry Week

National Convention Centre, Hanoi, Vietnam

Wednesday, 23rd April, 2008; 08:30-12:00 (room 313)

Forests are high on the agenda of any future climate strategy, both as a means of sequestering carbon, and of reducing the vulnerability of forest-dependant communities.

This event will provide the platform to raise key issues in relation to these two primary themes for addressing climate change - mitigation and adaptation.

A world-renowned expert will introduce each theme, and a panel discussion will further explore the issues raised.

Forests and Climate Change Mitigation (08:30 - 10:00)

“Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD): A Readiness Index for Full Implementation”

Dr. Daniel Murdiyarto, CIFOR Environmental Services Programme (Indonesia) & member of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) - winner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

- According to the IPCC, land conversion and deforestation emits around 1.7 billion tonnes of carbon annually, more than 20% of all global emissions.
- Consequently, the Bali Action Plan identifies REDD as a key focus for any future climate agenda.
- However, the time is short and there are many issues around governance, indigenous land rights and methodology that will have to be addressed if such a scheme is to be fully implemented after 2012.

Forests and Climate Change Adaptation (10:15 - 11:45)

“Vulnerability of Forests to Climate Change: Current Research in Tropical Areas”

Dr. Boone Kauffmann, Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry, US Forest Service.

- Tropical forest ecosystems are among the most vulnerable ecosystems to climate change variability and long term changes in temperature and rainfall.
- Consequently, climate change will seriously affect the provision of forest goods and ecosystem services, which are crucial for many economic sectors and the livelihoods of already vulnerable communities.

Please join us to learn more about the issues framing climate change, to network with a range of key stakeholders, and to play a role in developing sustainable, practical solutions for this global crisis.

Participants will include experts, enthusiasts and decision-makers from government departments, non-government organizations, research and academic institutions, community groups and the private sector.

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CIFOR

The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) was established in 1993 in response to global concerns about the social, environmental, and economic consequences of forest loss and degradation. CIFOR is dedicated to developing policies and technologies for sustainable use and management of forests, and for enhancing the well-being of people who rely on tropical forests for their livelihoods. CIFOR is one of the 15 centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). CIFOR has its headquarters in Bogor, Indonesia, and works in over 30 other countries around the world.

FAO

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations leads international efforts to defeat hunger. Serving both developed and developing countries, FAO acts as a neutral forum where all nations meet as equals to negotiate agreements and debate policy. FAO is also a source of knowledge and information, helping developing countries and countries in transition to modernize and improve agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices, and ensure good nutrition for all. FAO was founded in 1945, and has focused special attention on developing rural areas, home to 70 percent of the world's poor and hungry people.

Media Conference

Wednesday, 23rd April

12:00–12:30pm (immediately following plenary session)
National Convention Centre Hanoi, Vietnam (**room 313**)

World-renowned experts available to provide a range of perspectives on the most pressing issue of our time, will include:

- **Dr. Daniel Murdiyarto**, CIFOR Environmental Services Programme (Indonesia) & member of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) - winner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize
- **Dr. Jan Heino**, Assistant Director-General, FAO Forestry Department
- **Dr. Nguyen Van Tai**, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam (tbc)

Some of the questions to be addressed will include:

- What are the implications of Bali conference for the forest sector in Asia?
- What are the governance and livelihood issues related to reducing emission from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD)?
- What are the main climate-related threats to tropical forests in Asia, and their consequences for forest-dependent communities and economic sectors?
- What are the policy options for reducing vulnerability?

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