

ASIA-PACIFIC FORESTRY SECTOR OUTLOOK STUDY


INTRODUCTION

Meeting of APFSOS National Focal Points and Scientific Committee

26 April 2008, Hanoi, Viet Nam

Background

- > First APFSOS completed in 1998
- > Enormous economic and social change in the region during past 10 years
- > APFSOS II: Asia-Pacific forestry a decade later
- > Assessing the future to 2020



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Rationale

- > Societies and economies will be very different in the future, from what they are today
- > Change is accelerating and the future is arriving faster than ever before
- > Changing society-forest relationships
- > Need to understand directions of change to prepare and adapt effectively



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Objectives

- Identify emerging socio-economic drivers of change
- Analyze probable scenarios for development
- Outline priorities and strategies to address challenges and opportunities



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Outputs

- > Country outlook papers
- > Thematic studies
- > Sub-regional reports
- > Overarching main report
- > Policy briefs
- > Capacity building
- > Collective vision of future for forestry



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Milestones to date

- > Meeting of Scientific Committee – October 2007
- > 1st meeting of Asian national focal points - January 2007 – Chiang Mai, Thailand
- > 1st meeting of Pacific national focal points - February 2007 - Nadi, Fiji
- > Commissioning country papers and thematic studies
- > International conference: the Future of Forests in Asia and the Pacific: Outlook to 2020
- > 2nd meeting of national focal points – October 2007



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Forthcoming milestones

<p>October 2007 Regional conference APFSOS</p>	<p>April 2008 22nd session of APFC</p>	<p>October 2008 3rd meeting of Scientific Committee</p>	<p>January-February 2009 Publishing regional and subregional reports</p>
<p>October 2007 - June 2008 Review of country papers and thematic studies</p>	<p>May - December 2008 Publishing country papers and thematic studies</p>	<p>April - December 2008 Reviewing regional and subregional reports</p>	
<p>April - November 2008 Drafting regional and subregional reports</p>			

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Meeting objectives

- Overview of progress in implementing outlook study
- **Discussion on progress on country outlook papers and review of scenario development**
- Scenario-building and development of regional and sub-regional scenarios
- **Scenario analysis – reviewing lessons**
- The way forward and next steps – what will we do in 2009?

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THANK YOU

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