



**Forest  
Governance  
Forum**



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific Forest Governance Forum (FGF)

# Event Agenda: Session Themes & Speakers

The Asia-Pacific Regional Forest Governance Forum (FGF) will host speakers, organisations and topics focused on and around forest governance. Event themes include: *importance of transparency and accountability in the forest sector; forest governance and impacts on livelihoods; civil society participation in policy advocacy and forest monitoring; progress on FLEGT-VPA & REDD+ development and implementation; and local, regional, and international approaches to forest conservation and governance.*

Through stimulating exchanges, discussions, and presentations the event aims to:

- showcase achievements, expertise, and experience on effective and inclusive forest governance;
- provide a platform, space, and voice for non-state actors of different kinds (including Indigenous Peoples and local communities, private actors);
- help influence policy-makers, governments, and donors, particularly given the proximity to key upcoming global meetings on climate and nature.

The Asia-Pacific FGF is being held as part of the **Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance project** in Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Papua New Guinea. The project is funded by the European Union and led by BirdLife International with project partners Burung Indonesia, Malaysian Nature Society, Haribon Foundation, Tenkile Conservation Alliance, University of Papua New Guinea and Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT), University of Wolverhampton.



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Monday 27th September

Opening session: High Level Panel

## Role of inclusive and effective forest governance in achieving an equitable, carbon-neutral and nature-positive future

08.00-09.00 UK

14.00-15.00 THAI, WIB

15.00-16.00 MLY, PHI

17.00-18.00 PNG

### Opening with Asia-Pacific Forest Governance Project video

**Chair:** Professor Phillip Dearden, Head, Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT), University of Wolverhampton, UK

### Opening remarks:

1. Mr Daniel Hachez, Minister Counsellor, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand
2. Dr Ir Agus Justianto, Director General, Sustainable Forests Management, Government of Indonesia

### Panel (Q&A format):

1. Ms Patricia Zurita, CEO, BirdLife International, UK
2. Dr Robert Nasi, Director General, Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
3. Ms Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, former UN Special Rapporteur for Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Philippines
4. Mr David Hopkins, Managing Director, Timber Trade Federation, UK

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Session 1

## Global and regional to local approaches and challenges in improving forest governance, biodiversity conservation and climate change

09.00-11.00 UK

15.00-17.00 THAI, WIB

16.00-18.00 MLY, PHI

18.00-20.00 PNG

**Chair:** Vinayagan Dharmarajah, Regional Director, BirdLife International - Asia, Singapore

### Presenters:

1. **Global forests need global governance**, David Hopkins, Timber Trade Federation, UK
2. **Update of FLEGT Fitness Check, EUTR, EU and UK efforts on forest related commodities**, Siobhan Pearce, Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), UK
3. **Trillion Trees' global vision, approach and impacts on forest conservation and restoration**, John Lotspeich, Executive Director, Trillion Trees
4. **National REDD+ Strategy and Forest Governance in Papua New Guinea**, Dr Gae Gowae, University of Papua New Guinea
5. **Bridging the gap between civil society organizations and state actors in the Mekong region - The value of the 'trusted conciliator' approach**, Robin Aus Der Beek, Manager – Voice for Mekong Forests (V4MF) project, RECOFTC – Centre for Forests and People, Thailand
6. **Developing community's sustainable timber business in Mbeliling landscape – Flores, Indonesia**, Tiburtius Hani, Flores Programme Manager, Burung Indonesia

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Session 2

## Monitoring forest change at the global and local levels: How scientific tools and datasets, together with monitoring on the ground, can improve transparency and accountability and drive effective forest governance?

08.00-10.00 UK

14.00-16.00 THAI, WIB

15.00-17.00 MLY, PHI

17.00-19.00 PNG

**Chair:** Prof Dr Ahmad Ismail, President, Malaysian Nature Society

### Presenters:

1. **Enhancing transparency and accountability through robust forest data: WRI's Global Forest Watch platform and the Open Timber Portal**, Gabrielle Nussbaum, Stephanie Jamilla, Achille Djeagou & Sophie Labaste, World Resources Institute (WRI)
2. **Value of remote sensing data on forest loss to community-based forest monitoring and the Forest Loss Dashboard**, Mike Crosby, Olivia Crowe, Ashley Simkins & Tom Lambert, BirdLife International, UK
3. **Citizens' Action for Monitoring Ecosystem (CAME) as citizen initiated monitoring system for Key Biodiversity Areas**, Josiah David G. Quimpo, Haribon Foundation, Philippines
4. **Rakyat Memantau (*monitoring by the people*): the experience of forest & timber legality monitoring by indigenous and local people in Indonesia**, Muhammad Ichwan, JPIK Indonesia
5. **Participatory GIS and Web Portal on Community Forestry**, Thaowan Giorno and Sarinthip Promit, Raks Thai Foundation & RECOFTC Thailand Programme

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Session 3

## The role of non-state actors of different kinds in forest governance and biodiversity conservation: How can civil society organisations bridge the gap between public and private interests? How do we build capacity of CSOs and their (local, national, regional) networks?

08.00-10.00 UK

14.00-16.00 THAI, WIB

15.00-17.00 MLY, PHI

17.00-19.00 PNG

**Opening with BirdLife Hatch video – 2 mins**

**Chair:** Mr Bruno Cammaert, Regional Coordinator, EU FLEGT Programme

### Presenters:

1. **Global Forest Watch and CSO involvement in tracking deforestation**, Zuraidah Said & Kenny Cetera, World Resources Institute (WRI)
2. **Empowering local communities for equity and sustainability: Experience from Papua New Guinea**, Jean Thomas, Tenkile Conservation Alliance
3. **Civil society participation in forest policy advocacy and decision-making: insights from the Forest Governance Project in the Philippines**, Samson Pedragosa, Haribon Foundation
4. **Policy Update, Law Enforcement and Challenges for Civil Society Monitor Post Omnibus Law**, Abu Meridian, Kaoem Telapak, Indonesia
5. **The challenges, opportunities and constraints of CBFM and the role of non-state actors in supporting CBFM**, Dr Ernie Guiang, USAID and FAO-EU FLEGT Programme, Philippines
6. **Role of private sector in forest conservation and governance: Geo Dipa's involvement in Mt Patuha forest in Indonesia**, Riki Firmandha Ibrahim, Director of Geo Dipa

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Session 4

## Making a difference for the coming decade: Sustaining change and maintaining the momentum to meet the challenge

08.00-10.00 UK

14.00-16.00 THAI, WIB

15.00-17.00 MLY, PHI

17.00-19.00 PNG

**Chair:** Ms Cristi Marie C. Nozawa, Executive Director, Samdhana Institute, Indonesia/Philippines

### Presenters:

1. **NGO-State relations in monitoring of illegal logging – Insights and lessons from Central Africa**, Dr Aurelian Mbzibain & Teodyl Nkuintchua, University of Wolverhampton, UK
2. **BirdLife's Forest Landscape Accelerator: Key insights and lessons**, Bryna Griffin, Head of Forests Programme, BirdLife International, UK
3. **The importance of multi-scale forest governance: Experience from MNS as non-state actor in REDD+ development and implementation in Malaysia**, Anna Wong, Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) Sabah Branch Chairperson and Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Tropical Forestry, Universiti Malaysia Sabah
4. **Challenges and opportunities facing IFM networks at the regional level: the case of the PAOI in the Congo Basin**, Horline Njike & Serge Moukouri, FLAG, Cameroon
5. **The independent Forest Monitoring Fund - Continuing to strengthen forest governance through independent forest monitoring towards the effective implementation of SVLK and FLEGT initiative in Indonesia**, Christian Purba, Forest Fund

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Closing Session

## Key messages from the Forum and way forward for the next decade

10.00-11.00 UK

16.00-17.00 THAI, WIB

17.00-18.00 MLY, PHI

19.00-20.00 PNG

**Chair:** Dr Noelle Kumpel, Head of Policy, BirdLife International, UK

### Panel (Q&A format):

1. Ms Maria Belinda de la Paz, Chief Operating Officer, Haribon Foundation, Philippines
2. Ms Indah Budiani, Executive Director, Indonesian Business Council for Sustainable Development (IBCSD)
3. Ms Josefa Tauli, Representative for Indigenous and Local Youth, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, Philippines
4. Ms Alison Hoare, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House, UK
5. Mr Edward Davey, Adviser to the UK COP26 Presidency's Nature Campaign, International Engagement Director of the Food and Land Use Coalition & Co-Director of the World Resources Institute (WRI), UK

### Closing remarks:

6. Dr Hum Gurung, Regional Project Manager, BirdLife International, Malaysia/Singapore
7. Mr Oswald Braken Tisen, Deputy CEO, Management and Conservation, Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Malaysia