

**ASIA-PACIFIC TROPICAL FOREST INVESTMENT FORUM:
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTMENT IN NATURAL TROPICAL FORESTS
6-8 AUGUST 2007, BANGKOK, THAILAND**

Presented by the ITTO in collaboration with the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the World Bank

Hosted by the Royal Forest Department and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Government of Thailand

AGENDA

Monday, 6 August 2007

- *08:15* **Opening Session**
*please be seated by 8:20 for the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand's opening remarks at 8:30am
- 09:45 – 11:00 ***Session 1: Exploring Regional Investment Trends in the Asia-Pacific Region***

Dr. Simmathiri Appanah, FAO Regional Office for the Asia-Pacific
Dr. Josef Leitmann, World Bank Regional Office, Indonesia
- Topics include:
- Forest based development and investment trends in the Asia-Pacific region: Where are the areas for opportunity?
 - Generating revenue from plantations versus natural forests
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 11:30 – 12:30 ***Session 2: Current Tools and Mechanisms for Natural Tropical Forest Investment***

Mr. Sittichai Ungpakorn, Thailand
Mr. Poramate Lamrongroj, Phoenix Pulp and Paper Company, Thailand
- Topics include:
- Combining public and private funds to manage tropical forests in Thailand
 - What makes an investment attractive in Thailand?
- 12:45 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*
- 14:00 – 15:15 ***Session 2 (con't): Current Tools and Mechanisms for Natural Tropical Forest Investment***

Dr. Paul Chai, Forestry Headquarters in Kuching, Malaysia
Mr. Billy Hindra, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia
Mr. Moray McLeish, International Finance Corporation, Indonesia
- Topics include:
- Generating income from conservation parks in Malaysia
 - Financing community forest-based development in Indonesia
 - Assisting Indonesian industry and adding value to the furniture supply chain
- 15:15 – 15:45 *Coffee/Tea Break*

15:45 – 18:00 ***Session 2 (con't): Current Tools and Mechanisms for Natural Tropical Forest Investment***

Mr. Roberto Oliva, Center for Environmental Law and Policy Advocacy,
the Philippines

Mr. Maung Maung Pyone, Ministry of Forestry, Myanmar

Mr. Richard Mendani, Papua New Guinea Forest Authority

Topics include:

- Current status of forest investment in the Philippines
- Investment profile of Myanmar
- Papua New Guinea's forest investment guidelines and trends

18:00 – *Reception hosted by the Royal Forest Department, Government of Thailand*

Tuesday, 7 August 2007

09:00 – 09:15 **Moderator's Overview of Day 1**

09:15 – 10:45 ***Session 3: Assessing Risks and Returns in Natural Tropical Forests***

Ms. Maree Candish, New Forests, Australia

Mr. Phil Cottle, ForestRe, UK

Topics include:

- Assessing a country's business climate to generate investment
- Lessons learned from asset management in the Asia-Pacific region
- Insuring your investment in the Asia-Pacific region

10:45 – 11:15 *Coffee/Tea Break*

11:15 – 12:45 ***Session 3 (con't): Assessing Risks and Returns in Natural Tropical Forests***

Mr. Andreas Eke, Futuro Forestal, Panama

Mr. James Sandom, Forest Stewardship Council, Germany

Topics include:

- Long-term investment planning in natural tropical forests
- Calculating risks and returns
- Selecting and managing tropical forest areas

12:45 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 15:15 ***Session 4: Investing in Communities***

Mr. Sandy Sandoval, Harbagat Trading, the Philippines

Mr. Poonsin Sreesangkom, GEF Small Grants Fund

Topics include:

- Lessons learned from communities with ad-hoc public funding
- Investing in your community: why intermediary investors may be necessary to promote sustainable forest management in natural tropical forests

15:15 – 15:45 *Coffee/Tea Break*

15:45 – 16:45 **Session 4 (con't): Investing in Communities**

Mr. Zulfira Warta, WWF, Indonesia
Dr. Dachanee Emphandhu, Kasetsart University, Thailand

Topics include:

- How can communities access greater private and public funding?
- Utilizing ecotourism as a source of community investment
- Teaming up with a private investor: a reasonable solution for all?

16:45 – 17:30 Q&A: How can we encourage more investment in natural tropical forests?

18:00 - *Dinner Cruise hosted by ITTO*

Wednesday, 8 August 2007

09:15 – 09:30 **Moderator's Overview of Day 2**

09:30 – 11:00 **Session 5: Innovative Investment Mechanisms for the Future**

Mr. Rae Kwon Chung, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
Mr. Suyanto, CGIAR-RUPES, Indonesia
Ms. Sophie Le Clue, ADM Foundation, Hong Kong

Topics include:

- Benefiting from corporate social responsibility initiatives
- Progress on integrated payment for ecosystem services schemes
- Accessing endowments dedicated to natural tropical forests

11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee/Tea Break*

11:15 – 12:45 **Session 5 (con't): Innovative Investment Mechanisms for the Future**

Mr. Michael Galante, Global Forestry Services, Malaysia
Mr. Simon Petley, EnviroMarket, UK

Topics include:

- Forest investment and bond funds: capturing the potential
- New tools for assessing performance of forest-related investments
- Understanding the carbon market and its linkage to forests

12:45 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 15:15 **Session 6: The Way Forward....**

Dr. Appanah

Topics include:

- Predicting future markets: forest trends and how you can benefit from them
- Can we design more innovative approaches to natural tropical forest investing?
- Suggestions for ITTO and session Q&A

15:15 – 15:45 *Coffee/Tea Break*

15:45 – 16:30 **Closing Remarks**

- Summary of the main points from the Sessions and key recommendations
- Closing remarks