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## FORESTS AND INNOVATION

### NEW SOLUTIONS FOR A BETTER WORLD

21 March 2024 | 12.00-13.00 (GMT+7)

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The FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific invites you to join a webinar titled “**Forests and innovation, new solutions for a better world**” to mark the [International Day of Forests](#) on **Thursday, 21 March 2024 from 12:00 – 13:00 hrs ICT (GMT+7)**.

Innovation can help to restore, protect, manage and use forests sustainably. Technological, social, policy, institutional and financial innovations are key to ensure the sustainable supply and use of forest ecosystem services. From construction to medicine, innovations in forest products are helping create alternatives to unsustainable materials such as concrete, steel, plastics and synthetic fibres, while sustainable wood products store carbon for their lifetime.

This regional event will showcase the significance of promoting sustainable supply and use of forest ecosystem services through innovations in the Asia and the Pacific region, with a focus on how these advancements contribute to building a sustainable bioeconomy. The webinar will also focus on the relevance of innovations related to forest and tree products in providing alternatives to supporting sustainable livelihoods.

Please contact [illias.animon@fao.org](mailto:illias.animon@fao.org) if interested to showcase any innovation on forestry from Asia-Pacific at this event.

More about the international Day of Forests [here](#). Watch and share the [International Day of Forests video](#). Spread the word about Forests and Innovation using FAO’s [key messages](#) or [social media package](#). Download and display the International Day of Forests [logos and banners available in 13 languages](#). Tag your posts with the hashtag for the day: #ForestDay.



# Agenda

Welcome and opening remarks	<b>Sheila Wertz-Kanounnikoff</b> Senior Forestry Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	<i>Welcome</i>
	<i>IDF video: <a href="#">Forests and innovation</a></i>	
	<b>Keiran Andrusko</b> Chair, Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission	<i>Key messages from the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission</i>
	<b>Wu Shengfu</b> Representative, Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest Industries	<i>Key messages from the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest Industries</i>
Keynote talk	<b>Sonya Dewi</b> CIFOR-ICRAF	<i>Asia-Pacific roadmap for innovative technologies in the forest sector</i>
Heads of Forestry roundtable; innovations in the forest sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>China: Jie Chen</b>, Team Leader, Research Institute of Forestry Policy and Information, Chinese Academy of Forestry</li> <li>• <b>Japan: Masahiko Nakazawa</b>, Chief of laboratory, Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute</li> <li>• <b>Sri Lanka: E.A.P.N. Edirisinghe</b>, Conservator General of Forests</li> <li>• <b>Thailand: Montrai Intasane</b>, Director of International Organization and Cooperation Division</li> <li>• <b>Vanuatu: Godfrey Bome</b>, Head of Forestry, Department of Forests</li> </ul>	
Q and A	<b>Sheila Wertz-Kanounnikoff</b> Senior Forestry Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	
Wrap up		

