



# Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on **FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION** 2024

Jointly Organized by  
Forest Department Sarawak (Malaysia) and  
International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

DATE  
27 - 29 August 2024

VENUE :  
Riverside Majestic  
Hotel, Sarawak,  
Malaysia

THEME :  
Forests as Climate  
Champions: Harnessing  
Restoration for Global  
Resilience

## SUB-THEME :

Governance of FLR &  
Policy Framework  
FLR Success Stories &  
Lesson Learned  
Community Empowerment  
& Uplifting Livelihood  
Climate Change &  
Carbon Initiative  
Research & Development  
(R&D) and Technology  
Application on FLR

## MAIN OBJECTIVE :

To identify and  
reinforce good  
practices of forest  
landscape restoration  
that deliver short,  
medium, and  
long-term benefits to  
local communities,  
fulfilling international  
commitments on  
forests, and help  
manage forests to  
ensure healthy forest  
landscapes.

## TARGETED PARTICIPANTS :

- 1) Public policy-makers, such as Government agencies dealing with rural landscape, management, use and restoration;
- 2) Civil society, non-governmental organization (NGOs) and private agencies;
- 3) Forestry and other land-use practitioners acting at site level;
- 4) Education, training, and research institutions; and
- 5) All ITTO member countries.





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“Forests as Climate Champions:  
Harnessing Restoration for Global Resilience”

## INTRODUCTION

Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) has gained global support over the years. FLR is the ongoing process of regaining ecological functionality and enhancing human well-being across deforested and degraded forest landscapes. It goes beyond just planting trees - it is restoring a whole landscape to meet present and future needs and to offer multiple benefits and land use over time.

FLR is a vehicle for delivering on internationally agreed commitments on forests, biodiversity, climate change and desertification. Among other things, it contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and 15 (Life on Land).

The growing awareness on the importance of FLR globally has resulted in the State Government of Sarawak taking proactive action. As announced by the Chief Minister of Sarawak in March 2019, FLR has been on the main agenda of the state government to ensure that our forest remains vibrant and enable its complex ecosystem to deliver its natural functions. Forest Department Sarawak has been leading the initiatives to restore and rehabilitate degraded forests with high value timber species with active collaborative engagement with local communities, NGOs and other stakeholders.

Meanwhile, in cooperation with other international organizations, the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) encourages FLR and the development of plantations that achieve positive economic, social and environmental outcomes. To this end, ITTO has published guidelines and a manual related to FLR for example, ITTO Guidelines for the Restoration, Management and Rehabilitation of Degraded and Secondary Tropical Forest, 2002 and revised and updated in 2020; Restoring Forest Landscapes: An Introduction to the Art and Science of FLR explore and explain the concepts and strategies involved in FLR 2005; Guidelines for FLR in the Tropics Policy Brief (2020).

