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GERMAN ROOM (C-269)

08:30 - 11:00

**COFO23
SIDE EVENT**

**Towards a Regional Strategy and an Action
Plan for Forest and Landscape Restoration
in the Asia-Pacific region**

BACKGROUND

During the Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016 (APFW) held in the Philippines, a high level consultation was organized on regional initiatives for Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) in order to initiate a discussion on the preparation of a regional action plan. Most country representatives recognized the importance of FLR issues and proposed to continue the dialogue on this regional action plan during the 23rd session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO).

An agenda item on FLR was discussed at the 26th session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC) and member States proposed that FAO support the preparation of this regionally shared vision and action plan. Based on this recommendation, the FLR-Mechanism group and the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific prepared a draft strategy and an action plan for further discussion during COFO.

This side event will build on current regional dynamics of Forest and Landscape Restoration in the Asia-Pacific region and will provide an opportunity to present and discuss the draft strategy and action plan for FLR in order to move forward with coordinated action for forest restoration in the region.

AGENDA

08:30 Welcome coffee

09:00 Opening Session

Welcome address by the Chair

09:10 Session 1 - Existing regional dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region

Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forests (APFNet) initiatives, De Lu, APFNet

The ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation (AfoCo) initiatives, Jun Seok Choi, AFoCo

09:30 Session 2 - The proposed new regional dynamic on Forest and Landscape Restoration

Main decisions from the last APFW/APFC session on FLR, Pat Durst, FAO

Vision of the World Bank on FLR in the Asia-Pacific region, Paola Agostini, World Bank

The proposed draft strategy/action plan on FLR in the Asia-Pacific region, Unna Chokkalingam, FAO

Discussion with participants and APFC Member State representatives on the draft strategy/action plan for FLR in the Asia-Pacific region, Charles Barber, World Resource Institute (WRI)

10:45 Final Session - Synthesis and next steps

Final synthesis of the debate and next steps for the finalization of the strategy/action plan on FLR in the Asia-Pacific region, Kenichi Shono, FAO



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