Conference on
Forests, Biodiversity and Climate Change in
Southeast Asia

Monday, 17 October 2011
8.30 am - 5.35 pm
Mochtar Riady Auditorium, Level 5,
SMU Administration Building,
81 Victoria Street S188065
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About the Conference

Forests provide a range of essential ecosystem services, including biodiversity conservation, air and water purification, nutrient cycling, soil formation, and mitigating climate change. According to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), forests act as a store of carbon, and when disturbed, can also be sources of carbon. However, the biological diversity of forests is directly and indirectly threatened by changing climatic conditions. Many governments and organisations around the world are increasingly paying attention to this issue of global concern.

This conference is organised by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, and supported by the Singapore National Climate Change Secretariat, the National Parks Board, the Singapore Economic Development Board, the Singapore Management University, and the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, National University of Singapore.

The conference intends to complement regional and international efforts in commemorating the United Nations’ International Year of Forests 2011 and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. The conference aims to highlight and increase the awareness on efforts in biodiversity and forest conservation in Southeast Asia, update participants on the latest developments on biodiversity and forest conservation, and identify key competencies that could be built up for the region.

The target audience of this conference includes representatives from local and international non-government organisations, international organisations, academic institutions, businesses, and relevant public agencies.

Speakers include distinguished representatives from international non-government organisations (NGOs), governments and academia (please refer to programme attached for details).

To RSVP, please complete & email the attached registration form to Ms May Wong at may@iseas.edu.sg or fax it to 6775-6264 or 6775-6259 or register online at http://web1.iseas.edu.sg/?page_id=4981 latest by 10 October 2011.

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Conference Programme

The six sessions of the conference will address a range of topics surrounding forests, biodiversity conservation and climate change:

**Session 1: Global Perspectives on Links between Forests, Biodiversity and Climate Change** will provide an overview of global efforts to manage forests and biodiversity loss, and to mitigate climate change.

**Session 2: Delivery Approaches for Conserving Forests** takes a closer look at possible approaches in conserving forests while ensuring sustainable economic growth and society welfare.

**Session 3: Involving Communities in Forest Conservation and Creating Alternative Livelihoods in Southeast Asia** will focus on the need and importance for forest conservation projects to safeguard the livelihoods of local communities and indigenous peoples, as well as their social, economic and cultural rights.

**Session 4: Satellite Imaging and Carbon Stock Accounting to Support Forest Conservation Efforts** will highlight the importance of spatial planning, land-use change mapping and monitoring rates of forest conversion in sustainable forest management, as well as the use of carbon stock accounting methodologies to monitor, report and verify conservation efforts today.

**Session 5: Institutions and Governance Structures for Forest Conservation** will address challenges that arise from factors such as legal uncertainty and a lack of robust governance structures required to support forest conservation.

**Session 6: Best Practices for Disbursing Funds Based on Performance** will look at the development of mechanisms for payments for forest conservation, as it is important to understand the best practices in the requirements and criteria for the transaction of such payments, as well as measures to ensure a fair distribution of these funds.
### Conference Programme

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| 0900 - 0905| OPENING ADDRESS  
**Ambassador K. Kesavapany**: Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies |
| 0905 - 0915| WELCOME ADDRESS |
| 0915 - 0935| KEYNOTE SPEECH  
**Ambassador Hans Brattskær**: Director, Norwegian Government’s Climate and Forest Initiative |

**SESSION 1: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON LINKS BETWEEN FORESTS, BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

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| 0935 – 1025| Ms Jan McAlpine: Director, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat,  
Mr Ian Thompson: Representative from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| 1025 - 1045| Tea Break |

**SESSION 2: DELIVERY APPROACHES FOR CONSERVING FORESTS**

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| 1045 – 1200| Bapak Kuntoro Mangkusubroto**: Head of the Presidential Working Unit for Supervision and Management of Development (UKP4)  
**Mr Javed Hussain Mir**: Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, Southeast Asia Department, Asian Development Bank  
**Mr James Peters**: Chief Technical Advisor to GMS Core Environment Program, ADB-Environment Operations Centre (to speak on the Mekong-REDD collaboration initiative)  
**Mr Marcel Silvius**: Head of Programme and Strategy, Wetlands and Livelihoods, Wetlands International |
| 1045 - 1200| Q&A |

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SESSION 3: INVOLVING COMMUNITIES IN FOREST CONSERVATION AND CREATING ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

1200 - 1305
Dr Marco Lambertini: CEO, BirdLife International
Ms Jeanne Tabangay: Programme Manager, Palawan Biodiversity Conservation Corridor, Conservation International
Dr Tony Whitten: Regional Director, Asia-Pacific, Fauna & Flora International
Mr Jack Hurd: Director, Forest Trade Programme, The Nature Conservancy
Dr Tom Evans: Deputy Director, Wildlife Conservation Society Cambodia
Q&A

1305 - 1430
Lunch

SESSION 4: SATELLITE IMAGING AND CARBON STOCK ACCOUNTING TO SUPPORT FOREST CONSERVATION EFFORTS

1430 - 1520
Mr Kwoh Leong Keong: Director, Centre for Remote Imaging, Sensing and Processing (CRISP), National University of Singapore
Mr Ralph Strebel: Senior Counsel / Head of REDD+
Mr Scott Stanley: Managing Director, Forest Carbon
Q&A

1520 – 1540
Break

SESSION 5: INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES FOR FOREST CONSERVATION

1540 - 1635
Professor Nicholas A. Robinson: University Professor, Pace University, and Gilbert & Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law, Pace University School of Law. Member, Advisory Committee, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
Mr Moray Mcleish: Programme Director, POTICO, World Resources Institute
Mr William A. Pazos: Managing Director, Head Carbon Origination & Finance Standard Merchant Bank (Asia) Ltd
Q&A

SESSION 6: BEST PRACTICES FOR DISBURSING FUNDS BASED ON PERFORMANCE

1635 – 1735
Mr Todd Lemons: CEO, Infinite Earth
Mr Agus Sari: CEO of Sustainable Conservation, Non-Executive Director of PEACE
Dr Robert Mather: Head, Southeast Asia Group, IUCN
Mr Adam Tomasek: Leader of WWF’s Heart of Borneo Initiative
Q&A

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CLOSING REMARKS
End

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