

FIELD-BASED LEARNING

WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

You should join us if:

- You are between 23 and 35 years old and have at least 2 years work experience at a junior to mid-level position in the field of forest landscape management;
- You work with any of these: the government, civil societies, universities, development agencies, or grassroots communities;

Course fee: US\$ 1,300 (covers all meals during the training, accommodations, training materials, local transport and

airport transfer)

Early bird registration rate: US\$ 1,200 (if register by 11 January 2019)

Registration deadline: 25 January 2019

- You have excellent communication skills (particularly in English) and are able to contribute and share in knowledge building and skills development;
- You are in good health (there are a number of physical activities and access to medical facilities is limited); and
- You are interested in forest landscapes, community rights and participatory approaches.

Strong leaders can be a catalyst to sustainable forest landscape management. Leadership is the one crucial element that bring solutions to some of our current community based forest management challenges. Leaders with a strategic, focused and long term vision for the landscape will inspire, facilitate and lead their team towards a thriving forest landscape that provides sustainable benefits to local communities.

Youths engaged in forestry-related activities especially at the landscape level is the focus of this experiential, field based learning. Empowering the new generation with forestry and social based skills will provide the tools that can prepare participants to contribute effectively in addressing challenges and opportunities to sustainably manage forest landscapes in their own communities and countries. The participants as future leaders will explore ways to develop creative initiatives to mobilize resources, utilize new technology, foster innovation and promote knowledge and learning through participatory processes and leadership skills.

Baan Mae Klang Luang, a village located in Doi Inthanon National Park in Chiang Mai Province, surrounded by large tracts of forest, is the venue for this training. Through close interaction with the Karen community, who have lived in this area for more than 100 years, participants will learn more about the community's culture and practises that preserve and restore forests, while sustainably utilizing its resources. Participants will explore what makes for strong leaders at the local level that can bring about solutions to challenges, and how this has been the catalyst for solutions. In Baan Mae Klang Luang, it is strong leadership that brought about collaboration between community leaders, NGOs and Department of National Parks, which resulted in solutions for issues including the land tenure conflicts and ensuring equitable benefits and income from the forest to local communities through a community based tourism program.

Course objectives

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- describe various leadership styles and identify ones that most represent their own leadership style;
- develop and enhance leadership capacities in relation to forestry activities in their own landscape contexts;
- have the opportunity to share and learn about leadership challenges and innovation in forest landscapes; and
- strengthen and expand collaborations amongst themselves as future forest leaders.

To reserve your place in this course or for more information, please contact:

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