



Forests are us: **WHY FORESTS MATTER**

People and Forests Forum 2018



Did you know that everything from the paper products in your house, to the wood on the floor, the tires on your car, the food in your kitchen, and the water in your bottle all come from forests? The forest is a life-giving ecosystem that sustains our every need. Many of us do not even realize that forests can cool the air, filter urban pollutants, improve water quality and increase real estate value! It is clear that we can all learn more about how to keep this special relationship alive.

RECOFTC - The Center for People and Forests is excited to invite you to connect and share ideas with like-minded individuals who want to build a sustainable partnership between our lives and our forests. To do so, RECOFTC will host a forum on the vital connection between the forest and us.

WE WOULD LOVE FOR
YOU TO JOIN US FROM
19 – 20 AUGUST!

With over 30 years of experience in community forestry, RECOFTC is in an opportune position to present the People and Forests Forum 2018 and showcase the many ways that communities, forests, and societies interact. Not only will this forum look into the past, but it will also explore innovative pathways for the future that can ensure life on Earth is more sustainable and healthy. If we want to do something that matters, NOW is the time!

The United Nations proposed 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as the roadmap for us all to end poverty and protect our planet. We believe that forests, especially locally-managed forests, are essential to achieving these SDGs. Now WE want to introduce you to the real faces behind these locally-managed forests so that they can share with you evidence of how they have been managing their resources and forests in sustainable ways.

Yet the question arises: what about us, what can we do? We at RECOFTC believe that the wider community—the government, industry, civil society actors, and most importantly, you, the urban public—can make responsible consumer decisions that will contribute to healthy forests. If we aspire to be an informed global community, then we can be a catalyst of change and help contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

So again, what about us, what can we do? Get involved, connect, and become an informed member of our interconnected community!

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS FORUM:

- If YOU are a policy maker or involved in natural resource management
- If YOU are a forest community representative
- If YOU are a social entrepreneur, a social enterprise, or a member of the business community
- If YOU are a civil society or international organization
- If YOU are an urban resident
- If YOU are someone who is passionate about our forests and our future!

WHY SHOULD YOU BE A PART OF THIS FORUM:

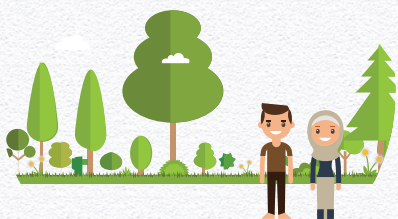
- YOU will hear evidence of how community forestry contributes to managing forests sustainably and achieving the SDGs
- YOU can showcase your knowledge while learning of new initiatives that are contributing to sustainable resource use
- YOU can connect with new and existing communities that are exploring ways of using resources more sustainably
- YOU can help co-create innovative ways to ensure the sustainable use of our resources

LOCATION:

Bangkok, Thailand

WE WILL EXPLORE WHY FORESTS MATTER FOR:

Forest communities



Women



You and Me



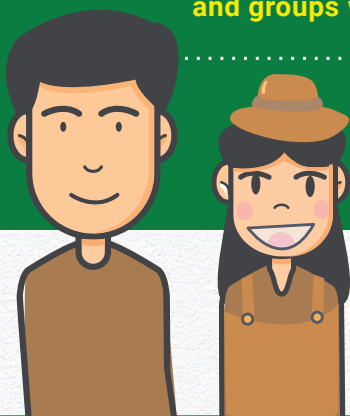
The program is as follows:

Day 1 will consist of organic, dynamic and innovative activities focused on idea creation

Day 2 will consist of a series of interactive and focused learning sessions

Interact with talented individuals through community-led TED Talks, informed and passionate speakers, a forest food fair, and interactive handicraft and thematic workshops.

You will have the opportunity to mingle and develop avenues for cooperation **WITH individuals and groups who are answering the global call to better our forests and futures!**



COME JOIN US AND BE A PART OF THE FOREST!

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