



XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests

2-6 May 2022 | Coex, Seoul, Republic of Korea

THE ROLE OF SOCIAL FORESTRY IN FACING THE COVID -19 SITUATION

Sub theme 4 Forests and human health: revisiting the connections

[Thursday], [05 May 2022], [09:00 – 10:30 KST]

Led by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia

Hosted: DG of SEFP and RECOFTC

Introduction and background

Forest resources are vital for forest dependent communities providing the livelihood options and food security. By providing the legal access through Social Forestry/ Community forestry program, positive feedback have been received among others decrease deforestation rate, reduce poverty, and improve economic livelihood. Unfortunately, the emerging pandemic has halted the progress of SF/ CF in the region, particularly Indonesia that has ambitious target in SF and hit hardly by the Covid-19.

During the pandemic period, over the last six months, there is an increase in food consumption while production is declining due to several restriction measurement that has been taken in order to reduce the spread of the virus. Other economic activities such as tourism in SF/CF areas are drastically declining that led the SF/ CF group to become more vulnerable.

With the economic development being stall, there are less job opportunities at the cities which drive people to return to the rural areas. This condition increase the burden of the forest because people is looking their income from the forest. Under such circumstances, the Social Forestry Program that provides access to forest management in the village, supported by assistance to increase capacity and bring opportunity for investment and marketing cooperation, can help resolve the lay-off problem, while providing a driving force for the movement of the rural economy through food security with agroforestry pattern. This event will be hosted by DG of Social Forestry and Environmental Partnership and RECOFT.

Event objectives

The event will discuss the experiences of social forestry activities as key experts in the field in relation to mitigate the covid-19 impacts. Based on this, it will explore actions that are needed to strengthen the capacity and capability of social forestry actors including forest farmer.

Event details

The event will take place in a “Talk-show” format, with facilitator-led questions to the panelists, followed by a short session of audience questions. During the Talk-show, there will be the short video screening about Social Forestry. Bambang Supriyanto, DG of Social Forestry and Environmental Partnership, Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia, will give an opening to initiate the event.



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Keynote Speech:

Dr. Bambang Supriyanto, M.Sc (Director General of Social Forestry and Environmental Partnership, Ministry of Environment and Forestry Republic of Indonesia)

Proposed Speaker:

1. Director of Enterprises Development of Social Forestry and Customary Forest, DG of SFEP – Developing Community’s Social Forestry Business During A Pandemic (*Pengembangan Usaha Perhutanan Sosial Dalam Masa Pandemi*)
2. Representative from ASEAN Member State – The Impact of COVID-19 Pademic on Social Forestry in The Country (*Dampak Pandemi COVID-19 Pada Perhutanan Sosial di Negaranya*)
3. Representative of RECOFTC – Training And Education on The Utilization of Technology in Forestry During A Pandemic (*Pelatihan dan Pendidikan Pemanfaatan Teknologi di Bidang Kehutanan Dalam Masa Pandemi*)
4. Social Forestry Expert / Project Leader of GEF 6: Strengthening Social Forestry in Indonesia - Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Community’s Efforts To Recover (*Dampak Pandemi COVID-19 dan Upaya Pemulihan oleh Masyarakat*)
5. Social Forestry Activist from Forest Programme III / AHT GROUP GmbH – Lesson Learned: Developing A Sustainable Business Surviving A Pandemic (Lesson Learned: *Membangun Usaha Berkelanjutan Melewati Pandemi*)

Program

Time	Agenda and topics
	Keynote Speech (10 mins) <i>Bambang Supriyanto (DG of Social Forestry and Environmental Partnership, Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia)</i> *From Jakarta
	Social Forestry’s Short Video Screening (8 mins)
	Talk Show – the role of social forestry to face the covid-19 impact (50 mins) Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The impact of covid-19 in social forestry activities</i>• <i>Challenges and opportunity for social forestry</i>• <i>Move forward</i>
	Audience Q&A (20 mins)
	Final discussion synthesis and reflections (5 mins)



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Side Event:

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With the economic development being stall, there are less job opportunities at the cities which drive people to return to the rural areas. This condition increase the burden of the forest because people is looking their income from the forest. Under such circumstances, the Social Forestry Program can help as an alternative.








Keynote Speech

 **Dr. Bambang Supriyanto**

Director General of Social Forestry & Environmental Partnership, Indonesia

Panelists:

-  Director of Social Forestry Business Development
-  Representative from ASEAN Member State*
-  Representative of RECOFTC
-  Social Forestry Expert
-  Social Forestry Activist

*Thursday,
May 5th 2022*

09:00 – 10:30 KST

07:00 – 09:00 GMT+7

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