

TRANSFORMING FOREST CONFLICT IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION



Forest-based climate change mitigation includes efforts to both reduce human-induced greenhouse gas emissions and increase the levels of carbon sequestered in forest biomass. One of the most practical and cost-effective ways to mitigate climate change is ensuring that the world's forests are managed sustainably. However, sustainable forest management approaches such as REDD+ must manage and mitigate the risks to and challenges for local communities and marginalized groups who will be most directly affected by REDD+ implementation. If these groups and communities are not engaged properly, conflict may result and thus hinder climate change mitigation efforts as well as resulting in additional negative economic, environmental and social impacts.

The success and sustainability of REDD+, as with other sustainable forest management and governance initiatives, greatly depends on how potential conflicts are transformed, specifically through a process of constructively managing relationships, attitudes, behaviors, interests and discourses in these conflict settings. Importantly, conflict transformation also attempts to address the underlying structures and institutions that contribute to these conflicts.

In response to this need, RECOFTC and partners in the Conflict and Cooperation over REDD+ (CoCooR) project are providing the training course Transforming forest conflicts in the context of climate change mitigation. The course is designed on the basis that conflict in climate change mitigation initiatives such as REDD+ can present opportunities to develop capacities for more inclusive and sustainable land-use development. A wide range of training methods will be used including case studies, group discussions, role-play and expert inputs. The course will be delivered in English.

Registration information

Course location: Bangkok, Thailand

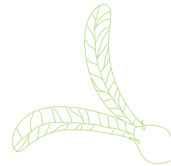
Dates: 11-15 January 2016

Course fee: US\$ 1,500 per person*

**includes course materials, lunches, and refreshments during the training program*

The course fee does not include visa, transportation and accommodation costs. Accommodation is available at RECOFTC's guest house for an additional charge.

Registration will close on
15 December 2015, or when the
maximum number of participants
(25) has been reached



Course objectives

The objective of this training course is to enable key stakeholders, including facilitators, policymakers and other decision makers of REDD+, to identify the needs for transforming forest conflicts and to explore strategies to address these needs.

At the end of the course, participants working in climate change mitigation initiatives will:

- Be able to analyze and explain the nature and scope of conflicts;
- Be able to apply a number of frameworks that focus on stakeholder rights and motivations and their capacity for effective REDD+ governance and forest management;
- Be able to identify various approaches such as policy influence and interventions and setting up specific institutions based on best practices that can prevent, transform and monitor conflicts; and
- Have developed the skills to design and facilitate multi-stakeholder negotiation processes that can prevent, transform and monitor these conflicts.

Who should join?

Government officials, NGO staff, field practitioners and local community members who have at least two years of experience and a working knowledge of forest-based climate change mitigation issues, including REDD+.

Course content

The course will draw on the shared experience of the trainers and participants covering the following topics:

- REDD+ policy and practice;
- Social safeguards for REDD+;
- Predictors for conflict in REDD+;
- Stakeholder engagement ;
- Conflict transformation theory and practice; and
- Facilitation, negotiation and mediation.

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

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