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# Special Project: World Forests, Society and Environment

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## NEWS



Presentations are available at:

<http://www.iufro.org/science/special/wfse/wfse-news/#c25785>

### New partner: Renmin University of China



WFSE warmly welcomes Renmin University to join the network and looks forward to fruitful collaboration in the coming years.

The WFSE network now includes eleven international research and development organizations and universities: CATIE (Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center), CIAS (Centre for Integrated Area Studies, Kyoto University), CIFOR (Center for International Forestry Research), CIRAD (Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement), EFI (European Forest Institute), FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), Luke (Natural Resources Institute Finland), Renmin University of China, Thünen Institute of International Forestry and Forest Economics, University of Florida, VITRI (Viikki Tropical Resources Institute, University of Helsinki).

### WFSE Special Issue “Incentives and Constraints of Community and Small-holder Forestry”



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This Special Issue includes nine case study articles and an editorial. The papers draw on case studies from tropical Latin America, Africa, and Asia. They analyze

### Towards a green economy in Asia: inserting forests into the sustainable development goals

The WFSE Session in the IUFRO Regional Congress for Asia and Oceania, Thursday 27 October 2016, in Beijing, focused on different forest-related approaches and mechanisms employed in Asian countries to steer development and investment towards a green economy and sustainability. It discussed how these concepts are understood and applied in different contexts and their potential for advancing sustainable development.

#### Presentations

Forests in the green development discourses and the need for ground thruthing - Wil de Jong, CIAS, Kyoto University, Japan

Corporate commitments to sustainability: New discourses and praxis in oil palm production in Indonesia - Pablo Pacheco, CIFOR, Indonesia

Payments for forest ecosystem services in Mainland Southeast Asia: from ideas to practice - Pia Katila, Natural Resources Institute, Finland

From REDD+ performance to Green promises: Implications of joined discourses for policy implementation - Pham Thu Thuy, CIFOR, Vietnam

Are Sustainable Development Goals and Sustainable Forest Management converging in Asia? Synthesis and remaining questions - Glenn Galloway, University of Florida, USA

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community and smallholder efforts to achieve different forest related objectives and outcomes stemming from these efforts. A number of relevant topics is studied in-depth, such as the conditions shaping forest dependency, mechanisms through which rural livelihoods can be improved through forests, and implications for forest outcomes, when forests are targeted to support people's livelihoods, while also providing local and global environmental services. These concerns are of high relevance to debates exploring potential synergies and trade-offs between sustainable development and climate change. The articles link together two strands of the debate on community forestry by examining both local communities' and small holders' dependency on forests and the contribution of forests to development.

The papers of this special issue are available at: [http://www.mdpi.com/journal/forests/special\\_issues/community\\_smallholder#published](http://www.mdpi.com/journal/forests/special_issues/community_smallholder#published)

#### WFSE Steering Committee meeting 2016

The IUFRO WFSE Steering Committee meeting for 2016 was held in connection with the IUFRO Regional Congress in China in October 2016.

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

IUFRO WFSE is currently developing a special issue for International Forestry Review

#### Shifting global development discourses: Implications for forests and livelihoods

Almost all of the 13 papers being developed for this special issue are currently under review. The Guest Editors for this Special Issue are Pia Katila, Wil de Jong, Glenn Galloway and Pablo Pacheco.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF COMING EVENTS IN 2017

WFSE will organize a Side Event in connection of **UNFF12** in mid-2017.

In connection of the **IUFRO 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congress** in Freiburg, Germany, 19-22 September, WFSE will organize a session *Forests for sustainable development: Shifting approaches and discourses*.

**WFSE Steering Committee meeting 2017** will convene in connection with the IUFRO 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congress in September 2017 in Freiburg.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS



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**Thank you for your valuable support to WFSE during the past year. We look forward to continuing this fruitful collaboration in 2017.**

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