

Transforming forest conflict in the context of climate change mitigation

Registration information

Dates: 6-10 March 2017

Course location: Bangkok, Thailand

Course fee: US\$ 1,500 (includes training materials, lunch, meeting package and field trip)

Registration is open until 17 February 2017

Note: flights, visa, accommodation and other travel related expenses to and from workshop venue are NOT included in the course fee.

How can conflict in climate change mitigation initiatives such as Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) present opportunities to transform conflicts and mainstream more inclusive and sustainable land-use development?

The success and sustainability of REDD+ and other sustainable forest management and governance initiatives depends on how potential conflicts are transformed, specifically through a process of constructively managing relationships, attitudes, behaviors and interests in conflict settings. Conflict transformation also addresses the underlying structures and institutions that contribute to these conflicts and it seeks to maximize positive outcomes wherever possible.

In response to this need, RECOFTC and partners in the Conflict and Cooperation over REDD+ (CoCooR) project are conducting a training on 'Transforming forest conflicts in the context of climate change mitigation.' The course is designed with the understanding that 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 training includes a field trip to a local community in Thailand where participants will learn about a forest conflict first-hand. The course will be delivered in English.



Course objectives

The objective of this training is to enable key stakeholders, including facilitators, policymakers and other decision makers working in climate change mitigation, 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 frameworks that focus on stakeholder rights and motivations and can lead to more effective REDD+ governance and forest management;
- be able to identify various approaches and institutions that can monitor, prevent and/or transform conflicts; and
- have the skills to design and facilitate multi-stakeholder negotiation processes that can monitor, prevent and/or transform 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.

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

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Topics include:

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

Participants will be exposed to a conflict within the forestry context through a visit to a community in Thailand. Through interactions and discussion with various stakeholders in the field, participants will be able to draw on-the-ground and direct lessons. Through guided analysis and reflection, participants will get a deeper understanding of how potential conflicts are transformed, specifically through a process of constructively managing relationships, attitudes, behaviors, interests and discourses in these conflict settings.

At the end of the training, participants will be able to take their learning forward in their work through action planning. RECOFTC training courses are action oriented, and monitoring and evaluation of the learning and application is an integral part of the training services offered.



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