



## About Explore

Explore is a research network and community of practice dedicated to expanding and applying knowledge on forest landscape governance in Southeast Asia. The network takes a multi-disciplinary, participatory, inclusive multi-stakeholder approach to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement on climate change and other international and national commitments. It emphasizes gender equality, social inclusion, transboundary collaboration and problem solving. More than 50 percent of Explore's advisory board members are women, and it seeks equal representation by female researchers.

Launched in October 2020, Explore is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida. The network is hosted by RECOFTC, in partnership with the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), in collaboration with universities, research institutes, governments, civil society organizations, local communities, and the private sector in Southeast Asia.

Explore welcomes universities and researchers, policymakers, practitioners, companies, donors, development institutions and representatives of forest communities to join and participate.

## Call for Concept Notes through the Explore Preparatory Grants Mechanism

On 16 September 2021, Explore launched its first Call for Concept Notes for research on forest landscape governance at a videoconference hosted by the Global Landscapes Forum. Participants will learn about the process, schedule and evaluation procedures for the Call for Concept Notes.

For selected applicants Explore will provide funding to prepare a research proposal, training, support and mentorship.

The deadline for applications is **15 November 2021**.

For more information about the Call for Concept notes  
click here: [recoftc.org/projects/explore/explore-call-concept-notes-application](https://recoftc.org/projects/explore/explore-call-concept-notes-application)

## Community of practice

Explore members participate in a community of practice dedicated to forest landscape governance hosted by the Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) and convened and moderated by RECOFTC. GLF is the world's largest knowledge-led platform on sustainable landscapes. It offers Explore members opportunities to connect, learn, identify funding sources and further their careers.

Join the community of practice here: <https://glfx.globallandscapesforum.org/topics/25431>

## Member benefits

### Universities and researchers

Build your capacity to design, conduct and communicate research, to access funding and guidance, and to engage with like-minded researchers, professors, forest communities, policymakers, institutions and companies.

### **Policymakers**

Help guide research questions and have access to the results of applied research that could help you improve policies and institutional frameworks for inclusive and sustainable development.

### **Practitioners of sustainable development, poverty alleviation, gender and social inclusion**

Increase your knowledge, technical expertise and access to policymakers, enhancing your ability to serve local communities and marginalized groups.

### **Investors and companies**

Partner with local communities, reduce risks, secure supply chains, shape research questions in real time, co-fund research, and contribute to achieving international economic, environmental and social goals and agreements.

### **Representatives of local communities**

Connect with people and organizations that can help you secure land and forest rights, participate in decision-making processes, achieve sustainable development and gender equality, and protect forest landscapes.

### **Donors**

Identify research and development gaps, improve targeting, influence sustainable development policies and identify impactful investment opportunities.

### **Development institutions**

Discover opportunities for applied research, partnerships and investments and engage with researchers who can address research for development (R4D) needs.

## **Thematic areas**

- Role of policies and institutions in the development of sustainable forest landscapes
- Impact of climate change on local communities and response mechanisms
- Role of women and other marginalized groups in natural resource management
- Changes in forests and effects on local livelihoods and poverty
- Trade-offs among economic development, environmental conservation, and human rights in land-use planning
- Scaling up effective forest governance platforms
- Decentralizing natural resource management
- Links among forests, food and water
- Mitigating risks in land and forest investments
- Forest governance and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Forest governance and COVID-19 response and resiliency
- Interdependence and intersectionality between local communities and natural resources in forest landscapes
- Support for researchers dedicated to forest landscape governance

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