



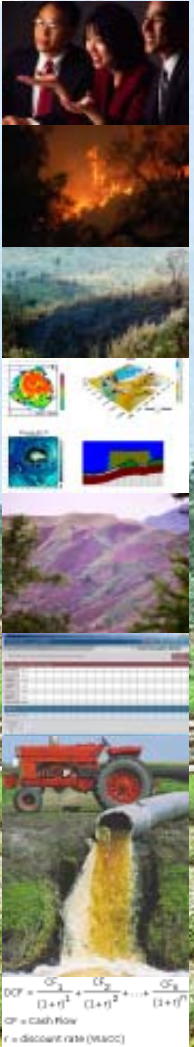
# Executive Forum on NRM: Environmental Economics for Decision Making

23-27 March 2009  
SEARCA, Los Baños, Laguna

Know the trends

Discuss the issues

Inform the policy



- **Dr. Orapan Nabangchan**, Senior Economist, Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia
- **Dr. James Peters**, Chief of Party, Asia Regional Biodiversity Conservation Program, Winrock International
- **Dr. Genandrialine L. Peralta**, Regional Adviser, World Health Organization
- **Dr. Canesio Predo**, Assistant Professor, Leyte State University (EE forum alumni 2007)
- **Ms. Rosalina P. Tan**, Associate Professor, Ateneo de Manila University
- **Dr. Roberto Yap, SJ**, Environmental Economist, Klima Climate Change Center, Ateneo de Manila University
- **Dr. Susan Zhang**, Environmental Economist, China

## Cost

The forum fee is US\$550 (PhP26,400) per participant. This covers the cost of tuition, full board and lodging (twin-sharing room), forum materials, field visit, and airport transfers. Live-out forum rate is US\$450 (PhP21,600), which covers only the cost of tuition, lunch and snacks during the forum, forum materials, and field visit. Special discounts for early registrants and organizations that will send two or more participants are also available.

## Application deadline

Deadline for submission of expression of interest or reply form is *on or before 15 February 2009*. Submit duly accomplished form to Ms. Mayla Viray, Training Specialist (mhv@agri.searca.org) or send thru fax at (63-49) 536-2283.

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\*All forms are downloadable @ [http://www.searca.org/web/training/courses/2008/environmental\\_economics/index.html](http://www.searca.org/web/training/courses/2008/environmental_economics/index.html)

## REPLY FORM

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Please tick the appropriate box:

- I will participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Forum on NRM: Environmental Economics for Decision Making on 23-27 Mar. 2009
- I will be arriving on **22 March 2009**
- I will be arriving before 8:00 am on **23 March 2009**

The forum fee of US\$550 (PhP26,400), which covers the cost of tuition, full board and lodging (twin-sharing room), forum materials, and airport transfers, will be paid:

- upon registration on **23 March 2009**
- I will not participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Forum on NRM: Environmental Economics for Decision Making
- send thru postal money order

*(Kindly accomplish this form and send it thru fax at (049) 536-2283 or mail to SEARCA, Los Baños, College, Laguna 4031.)*

## Overview

The Executive Forum on “Environmental Economics for Decision Making” is part of a series of forums under SEARCA’s Natural Resource Management program. It is designed for decision-makers and mid-level environment and resource managers/executives in Southeast Asia-based nongovernment organizations, international organizations, and government agencies. It aims to enhance their understanding of recent trends and debates on global and regional resource and environmental problems such as biodiversity, climate change, and transboundary problems from an economics perspective. It is also designed to re-equip participants with the knowledge and appreciation of environmental and resource valuation with emphasis on contingent valuation method.

## Goals

- Understand recent trends on global environmental problems such as climate change, biodiversity, and transboundary problems,
- Gain knowledge and appreciation of the tools of environmental economics and how they can apply these tools in their respective lines of work

## Objectives

At the end of the forum, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the various resource valuation tools and how they can be used for policy, project and program assessment, as well as for advocating environmental conservation and protection
- Name and describe current regional and international treaties related to biodiversity, climate change, and transboundary resource problems, as well as see the likely impacts of these treaties to his/her country
- Analyze current trends, debates, and issues in climate change, biodiversity, and transboundary resource problems

## Methods

This five-day forum offers lectures and workshops covering regional environmental concerns within Southeast Asia and the application of environmental valuation as a tool for policy making and environmental

planning. Workshops and lectures will be facilitated by regional experts and researchers, combining theory, methods and policy research oriented case studies. A variety of teaching methods will be employed which includes interactive lectures, workshops, and participant presentations. The forum will be enriched by a study tour in the existing projects of Laguna Lake Development Authority.

## Content

- Getting the values right: Concept of value and the tools available in environmental economics
- Using benefit cost analysis for evaluating policy options
- Policy analysis matrix
- Environmental health hazards
- The value of statistical life
- Climate change scenarios and its implications for the Southeast Asian region
- Moving beyond the science: The value of information to farmers during climate change
- Economics of climate change
- Clean development mechanism: Opportunities and challenges
- Moving beyond multilateral environmental agreements: Prospects and challenges for biodiversity conservation in Southeast Asia
- Economics of biodiversity conservation
- Country species conservation and regional conservation efforts
- Conservation financing options for a cultural heritage site

## Resource Persons

- **Ms. Clarissa Arida**, Director of Programme Development and Implementation, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity
- **Dr. Margaret Calderon**, Associate Professor, University of the Philippines Los Baños
- **Dr. Rex Victor O. Cruz**, Dean and Professor, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of the Philippines Los Baños
- **Dr. Herminia A. Francisco**, Director, Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia
- **Mr. Rodrigo Fuentes**, Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

## About the Organizers

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Study and Research (SEARCA) is the center of excellence for agriculture of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), an international organization founded in 1965. It’s primary mandate is to strengthen institutional capacities in agricultural and rural development in Southeast Asia through graduate education, training, research and development, and knowledge exchange. Its priority themes are agricultural competitiveness and resource management. SEARCA is hosted by the government of the Philippines on the campus of the University of the Philippines Los Baños.



The Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia was established in May 1993 to support

training and research in environmental and resource economics. Its goal is to strengthen local capacity for the economic analysis of environmental problems so that researchers can provide sound advice to policymakers. The program uses a networking approach to provide financial support to researchers, workshops, training courses, resource persons, access to literature, publication outlets, and opportunities for comparative research across its ten member countries. These are Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, China, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka.