



5th Executive Forum on NRM Environmental Economics for Decision Making

23-27 March 2009

SEARCA, Los Banos, Laguna, Philippines

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.

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.

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

REPLY FORM

NAME: _____
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Please tick the appropriate box:

- I will participate in the 5th 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** 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.)

- 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
- **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

- Forum fee is US\$550 (PhP26,400) per participant
- Live-out forum rate is US\$450 (PhP21,600) per participant
- Special discounts for early registrants and organizations that will send two or more participants are also available

Application deadline

Submit duly accomplished expression of interest form to Ms. Mayla Viray, Training Specialist (mhv@agri.searca.org) or send thru fax at (63-49)5362283 **on or before 15 February 2009.**

Forum Program

Day 1			
7:45- 8:15	Registration	12:00-13:30	Lunch Break
8:15- 9:00	Opening Program	13:30-15:00	Moving Beyond Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Prospects and Challenges for Biodiversity Conservation in Southeast Asia
9:00-10:00	Introduction and Overview of the Forum		
10:00-10:30	Tea/Coffe Break	15:00-15:30	Tea/Coffee Break
10:30-12:00	Getting the Values Right: Concept of value and the Tools Available in Environmental Economics	15:30-17:00	Economics of Biodiversity Conservation
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	Day 4	
13:30-15:00	Using Benefit Cost Analysis for Evaluating Policy Options	8:15- 8:30	Recap of Day 3
15:00-15:30	Tea/Coffee Break	8:30-10:00	Country Species Conservation and Regional Conservation Efforts
15:30-16:30	Economics of Climate Change	10:00-10:30	Tea/Coffe Break
18:00-21:00	Welcome Dinner	10:30-12:00	Conservation Financing Options for a Cultural Heritage Site
Day 2		12:00-13:30	Lunch Break
8:15- 8:30	Recap of Day 1	13:30-15:00	Workshop on Identifying Research Areas and Opportunities for Environmental Economics for Regional Issues
8:30-10:00	Climate Change Scenarios and its Implications for the Southeast Asian Region		
10:00-10:30	Tea/Coffe Break	15:00-15:30	Tea/Coffee Break
10:30-12:00	Moving Beyond the Science: The Value of Information to Farmers during Climate Change	15:30-17:00	Workshop on Identifying Research Areas and Opportunities for Environmental Economics for Regional Issues
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	Day 5	
13:30-15:00	Clean Development Mechanism: Opportunities and Challenges	8:00-15:00	Field Visit (LLDA Programs)
15:00-15:30	Tea/Coffee Break	15:00-21:00	Closing Ceremonies/Farewell Dinner
15:30-17:00	Environmental Health Hazards		
Day 3			
8:15- 8:30	Recap of Day 2		
8:30-10:00	The Value of Statistical Life		
10:00-10:30	Tea/Coffe Break		
10:30-12:00	Environmental Policy Analysis		

For inquiries, contact:

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*All forms are downloadable @ http://www.searca.org/web/training/courses/2008/environmental_economics/index.html