

(Draft) Agenda
The Fifth APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Forestry (MMRF5)
Chiang Mai, Thailand from 23rd – 25th August 2022

Period	Programme	
DAY 0 (August 22, 2022)		
ALL DAY	Arrival of Delegations and Participants	
DAY 1 (August 23, 2022)		
ALL DAY	Arrival of Ministers	Exhibition Displays
08.00 – 09.00	Registration (The preparation for MMRF5 meeting will mainly focus on finalizing Chiang Mai Statement and other related issues. Delegations of each economy are invited to attend this meeting.)	
09.00 – 09.15	- Welcome and Opening Remarks by Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand	
09.15 – 10.00	- Presentation of (draft) Chiang Mai Statement by Thailand - Overview comments and suggestions - Housekeeping Announcement	
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee Break	
10.30 – 12.00	- Drafting Session for Chiang Mai Statement	
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 17.00	- Drafting Session for Chiang Mai Statement (Cont.) - Closing - Housekeeping Announcement	
19.00 – 21.00	Welcome Dinner	
DAY 2 (August 24, 2022)		
08.00 – 09.00	Registration	Exhibition Displays
Plenary (Grand Convention Hall 4 th floor)		
OPENING SESSION		
09.00 – 09.30	- Opening Remarks by the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand (H.E. Varawut Silpa-archa) - Remarks by APEC Secretariat’s Executive Director on previous APEC outcomes on Forestry	

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	- Chair of Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade report the EGILAT activities and achievement	
CLOSED SESSION		
09.30 – 09.40	Adoption of the MMRF5 Agenda	
09.40 – 10.40	Session I: Sustainability through managing forest resources for climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keynote Speaker : David J. Ganz, Ph.D.; Executive Director of RECOFTC - Ministers will have up to 3 minutes for their comments and suggestions (<i>Approximately 10 economies</i>) - Summary (Chair) - Housekeeping Announcement 	
10.40 – 11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.00 – 12.00	Session II: Trade of legally harvested forest products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keynote Speaker : Sheam Satkuru; Executive Director of the ITTO - Ministers will have up to 3 minutes for their comments and suggestions (<i>Approximately 10 economies</i>) - Summary (Chair) 	
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12.30 – 13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press Conference - Visit Exhibition booths 	
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00 – 17.00	Excursion to Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden (QSBG)	
19.00 – 21.00	<i>Dinner</i>	
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Balance in all aspects: Sustainability through managing forest resources and Trade of legally harvested forest products

The theme of APEC 2022 is “Open. Connect. Balance.”, It will be open to all opportunities, connected in all dimensions, and balanced in all aspects. Thailand has adopted the Bio-Circular-Green Economy Model as part of its post-pandemic national recovery strategy. The economic model integrates three mainstream approaches to sustainability for a more holistic and balanced approach to advancing our economic, environmental, and social goals. At the core of the BCG Economy Model is a campaign to rally everyone to change their behavior to “balance all things”. It reinforces continuing global efforts to climate change, and compounds with those efforts to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. This is the engine that drives APEC host year’s priorities.

Balance in all aspects focuses on promoting inclusive and sustainable growth by exploring economic models and practices which prioritize addressing climate change and the region's other serious environmental challenges along with robust and resilient economic growth, while ensuring full-society participation and delivering equitable benefits to all people.

Session I:

“Balance in all aspects: Sustainability through managing forest resources in response to climate change”

The 2007 Sydney Declaration on Climate Change, Energy Security, and Clean Development emphasized the importance of sustainable forest management and land use as critical components of the carbon cycle. In addition, the APEC Leaders set a goal of increasing forest cover in the APEC region by at least 20 million hectares in all types of forests by 2020.

APEC's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased from USD 19 trillion in 1989 to USD 46.9 trillion in 2018. (30 trillion increased). While the region's forest cover increases from 2,185 million hectares in 2007 to 2,213 million hectares in 2020, (about 29.7 million ha increased). These forests have the potential to improve livelihoods while also providing environmental and ecosystem benefits such as biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation.

However, the dynamic of forest land use change is still possible due to various factors and derived on forest management objectives such as policy, human activities, interest use of forest resources, forest management approaches, etc. Forest resources in the APEC region must still be managed sustainably in order to maintain and improve economic, social, and environmental values. Especially in the last two years (since 2020), when the COVID-19 pandemic occurred. Many people have lost their jobs, and economies have crumbled. The forests had proved their potential to help build resilience and aid in post-pandemic recovery. In addition, the current concern is climate change, and forests play an important role in mitigating climate change through carbon-neutral and net-zero schemes.

Tentative points for sharing:

1. Activities undertaken in the region to the role of forests in addressing climate change, promoting sustainable growth and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
2. Current forest related policy
3. The efforts or best practices to maintain the forest cover, reverse forest loss, restore, prevent forest degradation and sustainably manage forests as well as increase forest and green areas
4. Identify the key concerns and recommendation for way forward.

Session II:

“Balance in all aspects: Trade of legally harvested forest products”

The APEC Forest Cover more than 50% of the world's forest, accounting for approximately 80% of international trade in forest products. The APEC Expert Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT) was established in 2011 as a result of APEC leaders' decision in 2010 to enhance cooperation to address concerns regarding illegal logging and associated trades.

The forest and forest products industries continue to play an important role in generating income and creating jobs for many people. In addition, the demand for forest products, including wood, and the use of wood in regular living. Each APEC economy had its own forest resource management strategy or plan, including conservation forest and production or economic forest. APEC economies might indeed explore ways to balance forest use and wood use for social, economic, and environmental services. Based on the demand and supply driving principles of the market. The market balance of demand for forest and forest products and supply from legally harvested forest products is crucial in maintaining conservation forests and their ability to provide ecosystem services.

Tentative points for sharing:

1. The current and update on timber legality guidance and forest law and regulation.
2. Forest Law Enforcement such as introduce, cases statistic, measurement etc.
3. Identify the key concerns and recommendation for way forward