



Exploring the potential of forest-based disaster risk reductions (F-DRR)

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Objective

In recent years, this progressing change of climate and land use, disaster risks such as forest fires, floods and landslides have been increasing around the world and effective countermeasures are required. Forest-based Disaster Risk Reduction (F-DRR) becomes recognized an important tool which will contribute to both climate change adaptation and mitigation, while leading to the strengthening of sustainability and resilience by taking advantage of the characteristics of local natural and ecological systems through nature-based solutions. In order to promote these, there is a potential to apply Japan's technologies and experiences on disaster prevention systems to disaster-prone countries through research and further development of the appropriate technologies and capacity buildings.

This seminar aims to Explore the potential of forest-based disaster risk reductions (F-DRR) by providing information on international trends of F-DRR strategies and practices, including by sharing specific policies and technical approaches and challenges from some countries. In addition, a panel discussion will be held to share the needs and opportunities of F-DRR, and to discuss the future direction and possibilities of F-DRR.

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Dr. Nakashizuka joined the Forestry Agency in 1985. He is currently the President of the Forest Research and Management Organization. His previous positions include a professor in the Center of Ecological Research, Kyoto University and a professor in the Graduate School of Life Sciences, Tohoku University. His key research interests include plant ecology, forest ecology and biodiversity.



Program

Complimentary address by guest of honor Mr. Koji Hongo, Director General of Forestry Agency, MAFF-Japan Keynote speech Dr. Tohru Nakashizuka (Toru Asano) (FFPRI) Session 1: International trends in F-DRR strategies and practices Mr. Osamu Mizuno (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies(IGES)) Dr. Thomas Hofer (FAO) Dr. Manzul Kumar Hazarika (Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand(AIT)) Session 2: Policy and technical initiatives and challenges in each country Dr. Vu Tan Phuong (Vietnamese Academy of Forest Science (VAFS)) Mr. Si Thu Aung (Forest Department, Myanmar) Dr. Takashi Okamoto (FFPRI) Panel Discussion: Potential of F-DRR -Needs and Challenges Keunote speaker and Session speakers