



5th Executive Forum on NRM Environmental Economics for Decision Making

30 March - 3 April 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
- Environmental policy analysis
- Environmental health hazards
- The value of statistical life
- Pollution issues in Southeast Asia
- Climate change scenarios and its implications for the Southeast Asian region
- Adaptation to climate change: Needs and opportunities for Southeast Asia
- Moving beyond the science: The value of information to farmers during climate change
- Clean development mechanism: Opportunities and challenges

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 30 Mar. - 3 Apr. 2009

I will be arriving on **29 March 2009**

I will be arriving before 8:00 am on **30 March 2009**

The forum fee of US\$500 (PhP24,000), which covers the cost of tuition, full board and lodging (twin-sharing room), forum materials, and airport transfers, will be paid:

upon registration on **30 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.)

- Moving beyond multilateral environmental agreements: Prospects and challenges for biodiversity conservation in Southeast Asia
- Economics of biodiversity conservation
- Conservation financing options for a cultural heritage site

Resource Persons

- **Dr. Margaret Calderon**, Associate Professor, University of the Philippines Los Baños
- **Mr. Jose K. Cariño III**, Division Chief, Community Development Division, Laguna Lake Development Authority (EE forum alumni 2007)
- **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 U. Fuentes**, Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity
- **Dr. Genandrialine L. Peralta**, Regional Adviser, World Health Organization
- **Dr. James Peters**, Chief of Party, Asia Regional Biodiversity Conservation Program, Winrock International, Vietnam

- **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. Zhang Shiqui**, Director and Professor, Institute of Environment and Economy, Peking University, Beijing

Cost

- Forum fee is US\$500 (PhP24,000) per participant
- Live-out forum rate is US\$400 (PhP19,200) 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 6 March 2009.**

Forum Program

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

For inquiries, contact:

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*All forms are downloadable @ http://www.searca.org/web/training/courses/2009/environmental_economics/index.html