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Empowered and resilient indigenous peoples and forest-dependent local communities in ASEAN with secured equal rights and well-being, through an institutionalized CSO platform working towards recognition and promotion of indigenous knowledge and wisdom, forest tenure and access rights, community economy, and livelihood, safeguards and inclusive governance mechanisms. //

CSO FORUM ON SOCIAL FORESTRY IN ASEAN

Since its establishment in 2012, the Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Forum on Social Forestry in ASEAN has served as a platform for local communities, indigenous people's organizations, and civil society organizations to consolidate and elevate key messages to the members of the ASEAN states through the ASEAN Working Group on Social Forestry (AWG-SF).

Today, over 50 participants representing 40 organizations from 8 countries in Southeast Asia are actively engaged in the forum.

KEY MESSAGES

In line with the ASEAN Cooperation on Forestry, Key Performance Indicators on Food, Agriculture and Forestry, and Strategic Plan of Action of the AWG-SF, the following have to be ensured:

Recognize that indigenous peoples and local communities themselves and their CSO partners are vital actors to achieve the aspirations of equitable economic development in ASEAN

Create and Enforce Laws and Regulations that ensure and protect indigenous peoples and local communities' access and tenure rights to their community-managed forest and customary lands

Employ Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) and other safeguards to effectively protect the rights of indigenous peoples and other community forestry stakeholders.

Ensure the full, genuine and meaningful representation and participation of women and men from indigenous and local communities in forest governance



Support Community Forestry Enterprises (CFEs) to Effectively Engage and Equitably Benefit from Trade in ASEAN

Accelerate the recognition of Community Forest Management Areas and recognize the diverse tenure arrangements



Mainstream CFEs in ASEAN Economic Policies and Programs



Secure Sustainable Community Forest Based Livelihoods from Threats



Install participatory and effective forest governance mechanisms at local, national and regional levels

STRATEGIES & MEANS

- Communicating effectively
- Research and experience sharing
- Capacity building
- Evidence-based lobbying and advocating
- Facilitating community-based projects
- Forging multi-stakeholder dialogues and partnerships
- Mobilizing resources
- Networking

TARGETS UNTIL 2020

A photograph showing people in a forest setting, with one person pointing towards a tree trunk.

Community Economy and Livelihoods

- Improved policy and policy support on securing and promoting community forestry livelihoods
- Enhanced Value chain management, partnership, incentive and support services for community forestry enterprise
- Improved knowledge and capacities on community forestry livelihoods and enterprises of Community Forestry groups
- Sustained consumer campaign on green and fair community products
- Enhanced knowledge in AEC including impacts and opportunities
- Protected IPR of local communities depending on chosen IPR strategy of community (not necessarily WIPO framework)
- Monitored indicators for the ASFN adopted strategies especially for community economy and livelihood

A wide-angle photograph of a vast, lush green forest landscape under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

Forest tenure and access rights

- Established a lobby platform in ASEAN/ AWG-SF on sustained dialogue on rights and access of indigenous and forest-based communities
- Established a knowledge sharing/ learning mechanism on tenure and forest access to promote awareness raising and advocacy and strategy development
- Contributed to securing community land titles and community forest agreements

A photograph of a group of people, including children, gathered together, some wearing traditional headgear.

Governance Mechanisms

- Established official regular mechanisms for stakeholder and civil society engagement at the country and ASEAN level
- Supported local and provincial and national working groups with resources and capacity building programs
- Monitored the achievement of national CF targets by reporting for each country
- Established and expanded clearer definition of SF in protected areas/ customary forest/ land

A photograph of a dense forest with tall trees and a misty or cloudy sky in the background.

Safeguards

- Established an ASEAN FPIC Guidelines for IPs and other forest dependent communities ensuring full and effective participation in decision making processes
- Ensured and monitored safeguard implementation by the ASEAN Multi-stakeholder
- Established a Regional Forest Related Grievance Mechanism

GOALS



TIMELINE

Community Economy and Livelihoods

Sustainable Community forest based livelihoods in ASEAN secured and self-reliant CFEs effectively engaging and equitably benefitting from trade through mainstreaming in ASEAN economic policies & programs

Forest tenure and access rights

Government establishing and enforcing laws and regulations that ensure and protect indigenous peoples and local communities' access and tenure rights to their community-managed forest and customary lands.

Governance Mechanisms

Realization of self-mobilization of indigenous peoples and local communities and their organizations towards participatory and effective forest governance.

Safeguards

Recognition of customary forests and the adoption and implementation of FPIC in line with the UNDRIP as a minimum standard as well as development of safeguard policies, measures, and mechanisms on social forestry.

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2011 ASFN CSO Brown Bag

Bandar Seri Begawan,
Brunei Darussalam
10 CSOs from 5 Countries

NTFP-EP engaged in NGO Open Space during the ASFN Conference

2012 1st CSO Forum

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Shared key thematic concerns on ASEAN engagement on consolidating recommendations calls presented

2013 2nd CSO Forum

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Developed country roadmaps and plans and identified capacity gaps and support needed

2014 3rd CSO Forum

Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
JOAS Malaysia, PACOS Trust and NTFP-EP Malaysia, 40 CSOs in 8 Countries

Developed of ASFN CSO Forum Working Papers & significant calls were adopted by the ASFN

2015 4th CSO Forum

Inle Lake, Myanmar
Promotion of Indigenous and Nature Together (POINT) Myanmar, 60 CSOs participated from 8 Countries with more than 80 delegates

Developed thematic action plans for collaborative action and support

2016 5th CSO Forum

Palawan, Philippines
40 delegates from 28 organizations, in 8 countries

CSO Forum on Social Forestry in ASEAN vision was affirmed with corresponding strategic plans; recommendations in 4 thematic areas was submitted and presented to the ASFN in June.

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