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Event Highlights

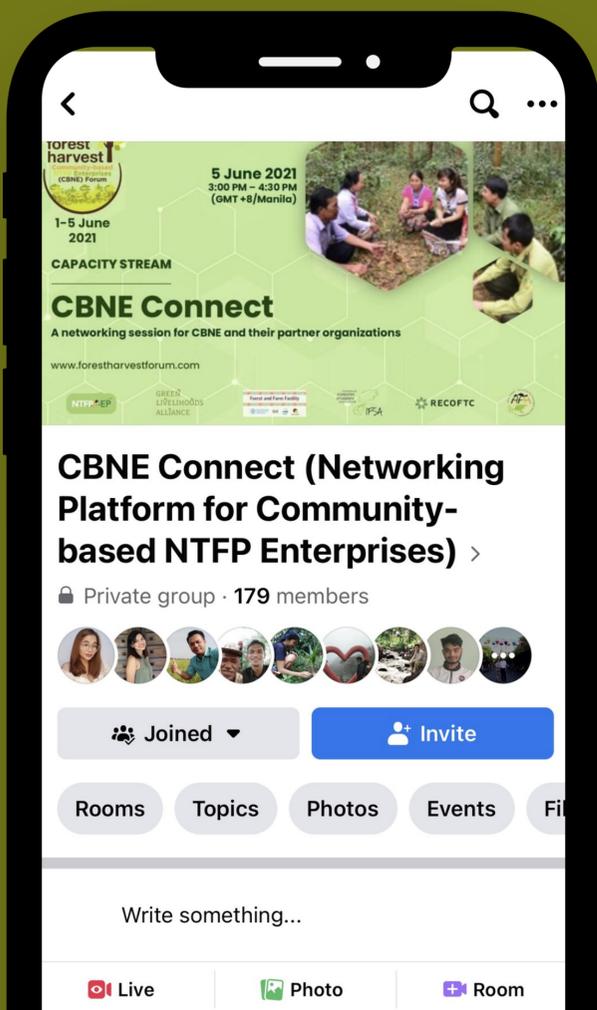
This video shows some of the highlights of the week-long online forum held on 1-5 June 2021. It features the sessions held, the speakers and some photos of our CBNE and community partners connecting to the event online from their respective areas. Thank you to all the co-organizers, staff, speakers, moderators, mentors, judges, interns, volunteers, interpreters, recorders and participants who made the forum a rousing success!



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CBNE Connect

The CBNE Forum closed with the CBNE Connect, a special session specifically for CBNEs to get to know and connect with fellow CBNEs from the region to exchange and share their work. The session was organized by NTFP-EP and moderated by Ms. Anna Bolin (IIED). Small group discussions were organized around rattan enterprise and farming groups. During the session, the CBNE Connect Facebook Group, converted from the CBNE Forum Facebook Group was launched to encourage the CBNEs to connect with each other, to continue the exchange of knowledge and experience, and to ask questions and share answers. The CBNE Connect Facebook Group will become a platform to connect with each other and with CBNEs in Asia and around the world.



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HACKATHON PRESENTATIONS

Four teams joined the hackathon and pitched their enterprise-related problem solving abilities on the last day of the CBNE Forum. The grandmaster for this Hackathon was Mr. Birdie Salva (Curiosity Design Network). To help decide the winner, there were three judges: Diana Mae Basino (Human Nature), JR Demecais (YGOAL) and Kate Mana-Galido (NTFP-EP Asia). Team 4 was the first place winner and Team 3 was the runner up. Both of them will be provided with monetary packages to continue to develop their ideas further and will have the opportunity to access small grants and additional crowd funding in the next stages of the CBNE Forum planned in 3 months. Team 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to proceed to this resource mobilization phase with some adjustments to their concepts.

Team 1: Shalini Dhyam (India), Maica Saar (Philippines), Kanlaya C. (Thailand) and Nirmala Shrestha (Nepal)

The first team aims to improve the quality of life of women from the mountainous communities in Asia. A community-engaged health and wellness brand utilizing NTFP products would improve the socio-economic status of the community. It would also help in strengthening the conservation efforts of NTFPs, reverse monocropping, address gender issues, reduce use of chemicals and fulfill health wellness demands with planet friendly products and practices.

Team 2: Stella Teoh (Malaysia), Moncini Hinay (Philippines), Agatha Bedi (Philippines), Anna India Legaspi (Philippines) and John Vincent Colili (Philippines)

The second team's objective is to protect, preserve and propagate sustainable use of mangroves in Ibaday, Aklan through their app, Patronage. The app helps fisherfolks get training, knowledge and partnerships. Sustainable alternatives, support from the government and sponsors, and increased awareness and knowledge on mangroves would help greatly in attaining the goal.

Team 3: Yusup Maguantara, Repa Kustipiasa and Sufriadi Safar (Indonesia)

The third team highlighted the underutilization of various NTFPs that can be turned into and marketed as essential oils. This would create a small-scale business for the indigenous community that could be a source of income, thus contributing to alleviating the poor socio-economic status of the community.



Team 4: Desrizal Alira, NMegan Sun and Gede Herry Arum (Indonesia)

The fourth team hopes to address the decreasing trend of rice consumption, and low incomes from rice production that leads to illegal logging and eventual permanent damage to nearby forests by initiating the "The Center of Excellence for Organic Rice Innovation." This program would help to diversify and upcycle products from rice paddy fields and preserve the forest diversity sustainably.



Hackathon Interviews

Do you think awareness programmes and campaigns must be associated with every enterprise to help integrate indigenous peoples development?

"There are campaigns in the integration of indigenous peoples' development by companies. Every company that wants to involve indigenous communities or indigenous peoples for the first step must be able to explore their culture. The easiest strategy to approach and get to know indigenous peoples is cultural communication, and companies (working in the sector) must have a special indigenous studies division. The principle of many indigenous peoples is to maintain the continuity of life with traditional norms and a communal lifestyle rather than individualism. Campaign and awareness programs can be started by following their lifestyle and their needs; even social and environmental programs can be offered (e.g. STEAM)."

– **Repa Kustipia, Gastro Tourism Academy, Indonesia.**



How is your experience in Hackathon?

"I loved meeting my team and the mentors were really helpful. Although we have wandered off track multiple times, I enjoyed all the thought jams! As they said, it's the experience that counts!"

– **Stella Teoh, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia**



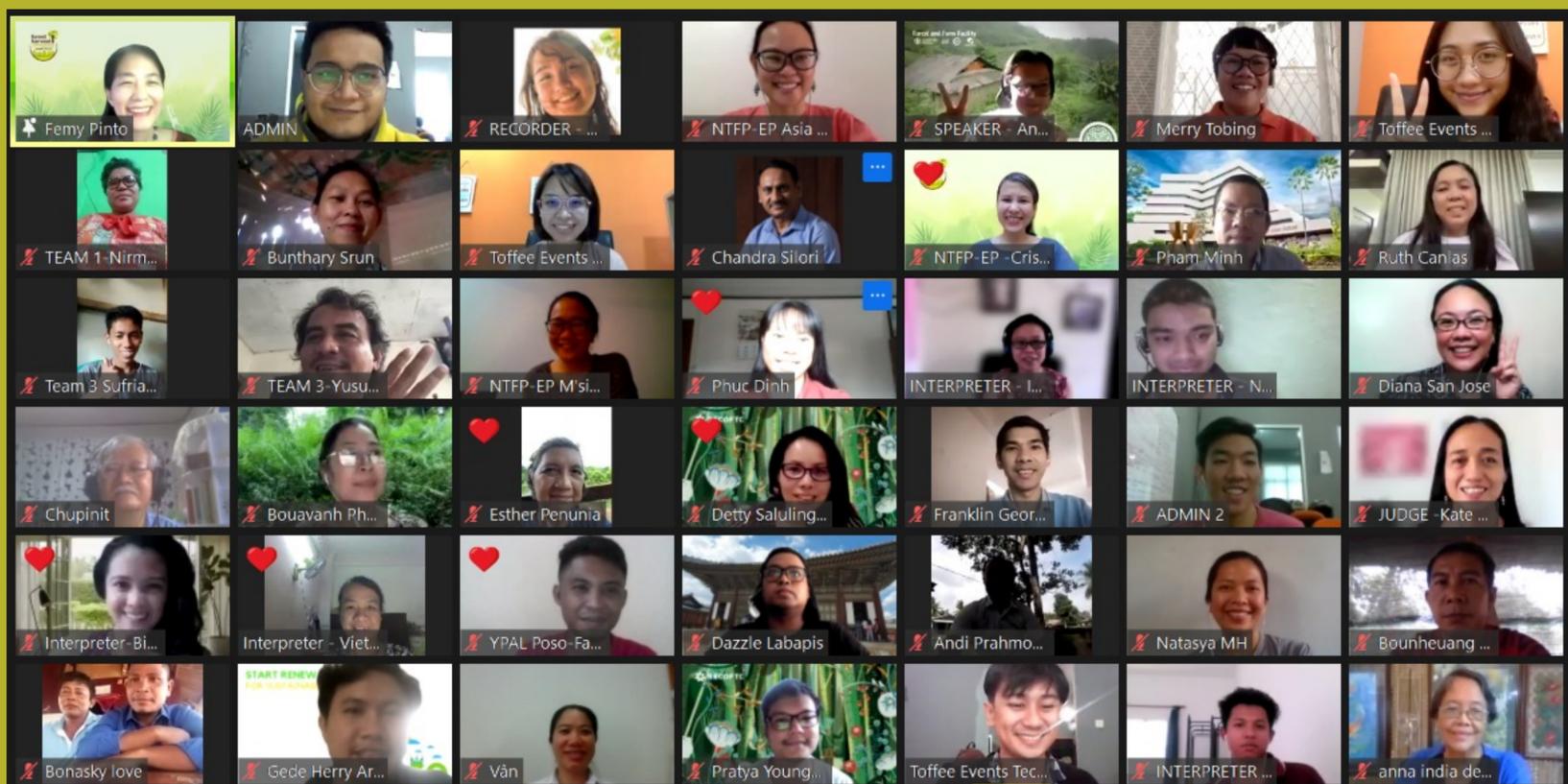
"Hackathon is not only about competition, but the platform for us to share experiences and new ideas. Mindset and technological change can create better lives for us."

– **Yusup Maguantara, Martani Enterprise, Indonesia**

"The experience I got here is very diverse, gaining experience from experts in community empowerment, economic experts, and all based on scientific backgrounds. I also find that there are still many problems in the NTFP field that need to be resolved. Here, we learned in-depth how to identify problems, make changes, and validate our ideas. Overall, I am very happy to be a part of this Hackathon."

– **Kak Herry, Universitas Prasetiya Mulya, Indonesia**





Closing Program

“On World Environment Day, we are finally here at the closing session of the Forest Harvest CBNE Forum,” Executive Director of NTFP-EP, Ms. Femy Pinto, said as she introduced representatives from the co-organizers to say a few words. Dr. Chandra Silori (RECOFTC) shared their research studies on the impact of COVID-19 particularly on community forestry groups in several countries. Research-based action highlighted

by RECOFTC supports and strengthens community forestry mechanisms and community capacity. Dr David Kaimowitz of the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) shared that increasing the value of forests for community enterprises can also incentivize forest protection. Sonam Yolmo, AFA Regional Young Farmers Committee Vice Chairperson, shared how he had learned a lot from the master classes in the Forum. Ms. Ruth Canlas (NTFP-EP Philippines representing GLA) gave her closing remarks with

the quote “Go forth, and set the world on fire”. Ms. Paula Mae Dagsi (IFSA) shared that her organization was seeking to create global cooperation among students of forestry to share knowledge and understanding. Lastly, the moderators express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Toffee Digital, organizing team, speakers, session presenters, and participants to make this forum a great success.

“IT IS NOT AN ENDING. IT’S JUST A START OF EXCHANGING THE LEARNINGS AND EXPERIENCES OF THE FUTURE.”

— RUTH CANLAS