

WORKSHOP 2

IMPLEMENTATION OF FOREST ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN POLICY AND DECISION MAKING IN OCEANIA

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PRESENTER(S):

- Application of the ecosystem services to improve societal outcomes from natural resource management - Professor Rodney Keenan (University of Melbourne)
- Biodiversity conservation in forests in Oceania - issues and opportunities for improved community resilience - TBC
- Social license to operate and sustainable business and their contributions to community resilience – Dr Peter Edwards (Scion, New Zealand)
- FES implementation in New Zealand: government and industry initiatives for improving community resilience – Dr Richard Yao (Scion, New Zealand)

Target audience:

All registered Forum participants are welcome to attend this workshop; we especially encourage government agencies (national, state, regional, local), practitioners, businesses, academia

Workshop Description:

Forest ecosystem services are the direct and indirect contributions that forests make to economic prosperity, environmental conservation and human well-being. Forest ecosystem services include the provision of timber, climate regulation, biodiversity conservation, recreation, cleaner air and improved water quality. Accounting for ecosystem service values and indicators helps forests to be better represented and valued resulting to more informed policy and decision making for creating healthy ecosystems that contributes to improved community resilience.

We communicated with most of the potential speakers and they expressed strong interest while some have already confirmed. The presentations and discussions above will set the scene and common ground for the workshop. Our draft workshop questions include:

- (a) How has the ecosystem services approach been recognized to improve community resilience?
- (b) What mechanism/s would you use in your context to scale up these ecosystem services approach?
- (c) What concrete actions in your work would you undertake after this workshop?

The outcome from the workshop include improved understanding of options for forest ecosystem services implementation in Oceania. Outputs from this half day session include the development of a review paper for submission to a journal and the creation of a reference group on forest ecosystem services in Oceania.