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# Peatland restoration in SE Asia: Challenges and opportunities

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Tropical peatlands are highly significant to global efforts to combat climate change, as well as wider sustainable development goals, hence the protection and restoration of peatlands is vital in the transition towards a low-carbon and circular economy.

Despite the growing awareness of the importance of peatlands, there are still critical information and research gaps that need to be filled to understand peatland restoration projects. Information on things like the costs and benefits of peatland restoration for water quality, and on-the-ground experience on how restoration activities serve as a key approach for enhancing the wellbeing of communities and approaches for unlocking the financial resources required for restoration are all required.

## About ITPC

The International Tropical Peatlands Center (ITPC) is a multi-stakeholder and multi-donor South-South cooperation involving Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Congo and Peru with coordinating partners the Center of International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the United Nations Environment Programme and Food and Agriculture Organization Global Peatlands Initiative.

ITPC is organizing a session at the World Forest Congress to share, discuss and present the latest research and experiences on peatlands restoration.

The session will highlight:

- challenges and opportunities to distil key points for restoration strategies;
- ways of addressing policy issues
- access to financial resources
- on the ground experiences on ways of restoration can enhance the wellbeing of communities.

This session is aligned with the ITPC mandate to facilitate interdisciplinary dialogues to advance the conservation and sustainable management of peatlands globally.





## Speaker and Moderator

### Moderator



**Haruni Krisnawati**  
ITPC Lead  
Coordinator

### Opening Remarks



**HE Gandhi Sulistyanto**  
Indonesian  
Ambassador to  
the Republic of  
Korea

### Panellists



**Robert Nasi**  
Director  
General CIFOR



**Kim Hyoung Gun**  
Project  
Manager,  
Korea-  
Indonesia  
Forest  
Cooperation  
Center



**Vong Sok**  
Head of  
Environment  
Division and  
Assistant  
Director,  
Sustainable  
Development  
Directorate,  
ASEAN  
Secretariat



**Riau Andalan  
Pulp and  
Paper, APRIL  
Group**

## Programme

Time	Topic	Speakers
5 min, 18:30 – 18:35	Introduction and review of the agenda	Moderator
10 min, 18:35 – 18:45	Opening remarks	HE Gandhi Sulistyanto
10 min, 18:45 – 18:55	ASEAN peatland policy in action	Vong Sok
10 min, 18:55 – 19:05	Challenges and opportunities to distil key points for restoration strategies	Robert Nasi
10 min, 19:05 – 19:15	Green Partnership peatland restoration	Kim Hyoung Gun
10 min, 19:15 – 19:25	On the ground experiences on ways of restoration can enhance the wellbeing of communities	Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper, APRIL Group (in confirmation)
30 min, 19:25 – 19:55	Discussion Questions, comments, and views from participant	Moderator
5 min, 19:55 – 20:00	Closing summary and photo session	Moderator

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