

Speakers



Dr. Tohru Nakashizuka (Toru Asano)

President of the Forest Research and Management Organization

Dr. Nakashizuka joined the Forestry Agency in 1985. He is currently the President of the Forest Research and Management Organization. His previous positions include a professor in the Center of Ecological Research, Kyoto University and a professor in the Graduate School of Life Sciences, Tohoku University. His key research interests include plant ecology, forest ecology and biodiversity.



Mr. Osamu Mizuno Principal Fellow, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

A Principal Fellow at IGES since 2018. Prior to joining IGES, he worked at the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP) at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Thailand, the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) at the UN headquarters in New York, Global Environment Facility (GEF) in the World Bank, the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) among others.



Dr. Thomas Hofer Senior Officer, Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission, FAO

He implemented his PhD in the overall Himalayan Region with a special focus on watershed management and highland-lowland linkages. From 1998 to 2017 he was based in FAO Headquarters in Rome responsible for FAO's global program on watershed management, sustainable mountain development and forest hydrology. His portfolio included the technical supervision of field projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America, the coordination of conceptual and applied research activities and the support to international processes. Since

September 2017 he works in FAO's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok as Senior Forestry Officer, Coordinator of the Natural Resources Management Group and Secretary of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission.



Dr. Manzul Kumar Hazarika Director of the Geoinformatics Center, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

He holds a Ph.D. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Tokyo, Japan. Over the past 18 years, Dr. Hazarika has been extensively working in applications of geospatial technologies in agriculture, disaster management, and the environment. One of his interests is disaster management covering multi-hazard risk assessment, emergency mapping and damage assessment, community-based disaster management, and capacity building.



Dr. Vu Tan Phuong

Deputy Director of Science, Post-graduate Training and International Cooperation, Vietnam Academy of Forest Sciences

He has been working for Vietnam Academy of Forest Sciences since 1994. He obtained a Ph.D. in forestry from Vietnam Academy of Forest Sciences in 2012. He has 26 years working experiences in forestry research and management in Vietnam and international organizations such as WB, FAO, UNDP, CIFOR, ICRAF for consultancy. Much of his work has been dedicated to forest policies and governance, forest biomass and carbon stock estimation, REDD-plus, mitigation and adaptation to climate change and sustainable forest management.



Mr. Si Thu Aung

Watershed Management Division, Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Myanmar

He holds the master's degree in Hiroshima University, Japan, He has been working for the Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Republic of the Union of Myanmar since 2008. He has been involved in conducting forest conservation as well as sustainable forest management such as the development of REDD-plus Roadmap processes and watershed management activities in the area of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM).



Dr. Takashi Okamoto

Leader, Hillslope Conservation Laboratory, Department of Disaster Prevention, Meteorology, and Hydrology, FFPRI.

In 1995, he joined the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI), where he served as team leader (in charge of risk assessment) before assuming his current position in 2019. He has been conducting research on the mechanism and risk assessment of landslides based on field observations, and received the outstanding performance award on IAEG 10th Asian Regional Conference in 2015 and the Best Technical Report Award of the Japan Landslide Society in 2016. Since 2020, he has been engaged in a project on F-DRR in Southeast Asia (Vietnam).