



ITTO–IPB–FFPRI event for COP-26: Prevention of forest fires in the tropics: lessons from Indonesia and Peru

Date and time: Thursday, 11 November 2021 at 16:40–18:00 Glasgow, UK (local time)
Hybrid event: INDONESIA PAVILION IN UNFCCC COP-26 and virtual access

Concept note



(Forest and land fires in Tapin, South Kalimantan, Indonesia, 13 Sep 2019)

1. Background

Improving fire management in the tropics is urgent. Indonesia’s devastating forest fires in 1997–98 and 2016 destroyed 10–11 million ha and 8 million ha, respectively. In 2019, wildfires in the country released around 708 million tonnes of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Thousands of forest fires burn in Indonesia each year, with huge economic costs and severe impacts on human health and ecosystems.

As part of long-running efforts to assist its member countries, ITTO initiated two new projects¹—in Indonesia and Peru—in 2020 aimed at addressing the threat of wildfire through integrated approaches to fire management. Both projects, with a combined value of USD 2.2 million, are being funded as part of the Japanese Government’s emergency assistance for the effective management of forest fires in the tropics.

The ITTO project in Indonesia is being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF) in the provinces of South Sumatra and Central and South Kalimantan, which are especially vulnerable to forest fire. Peru’s National Forest and Wildlife Service (SERFOR) is implementing the ITTO fire project mainly covering Andean and Amazon communities where there is a culturally embedded tradition about technical agricultural practices, in particular the burning of (agricultural and forestry) stubble vegetation. These two projects involve, among other things, a comprehensive training programme for local

¹ The projects are: PP-A/56-340-1: “Capacity building on forest and land fire management in Indonesia”; and PP-A/56-340-2: “Forest fire prevention and response in tropical forests and forest plantations in Peru”.

stakeholders on agriculture waste practices, the adoption of technologies to detect and minimize fire, and improved cooperation among local institutions, the private sector and communities on forest and land fire. The projects are expected to lead to a substantial reduction in greenhouse-gas emissions from forest and land fires in the project sites, and a range of other benefits.

2. Objective

This event will promote cooperation and synergies among stakeholders to support the effective implementation of the MoEF-ITTO forest fire project in South Sumatera and Central and South Kalimantan in Indonesia, as well as the SERFOR-ITTO fire project in Peru. It will increase networking and promote research and capacity building to prevent and combat forest fires in the tropics.

3. Speakers Moderator: **Ms Sheam Satkuru**, Director of Operations, ITTO

Time (Glasgow time)	Speaker	Subject
16:40-16:55 (15 min)	Ms Laksmi Dhewanthi DG of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF), Indonesia (TBC)	Forest and land fire policy development in Indonesia
16:55-17:10 (15 min)	Professor Bambang Hero Saharjo Faculty of Forestry, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Bogor, Indonesia	Forest fires and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction in Indonesia
17:10-17:20 (10 min)	Dr Yasumasa Hirata Principal Research Director, REDD+ R&D Center, FFPRI, Japan	Forest fires and REDD+
17:20-17:28 (8 min)	Ms Elvira Gomez Rivero DG, General Directorate of Information and Forest and Wildlife Management, National Forest and Wildlife Service (<i>Servicio Nacional Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre</i>) (SERFOR), Peru	Forest fire prevention and response in Peru
17:28-17:40 (12 min)	Mr Sihol Parulian Aritonang President Director, PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper, Indonesia	Integrated forest fire management practices in plantation forests in Indonesia
17:40-18:00	Q & A	

4. Expected audiences

The event is open to participation by forest fire stakeholders, from policymakers to practitioners, working in government departments, academic institutions, non-government organizations, international organizations and the private sector.

5. Organizer

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) in collaboration with Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Indonesia, and Japan's Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI).

6. Virtual access to the event

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