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Subject: Invitation to participate in the Forest Landscape Governance Research Network (EXPLORE) Regional Inception Workshop.

To whom it may concern,

We would like to invite you to participate in the Forest Landscape Governance Research Network (EXPLORE) Regional Inception Workshop on 28th and 29th April 2021, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM ICT. The workshop will be held online through video conferencing using the Zoom platform.

The overall goal of the EXPLORE program is to support governments and civil society in using high-quality research results to improve policies, institutional frameworks and dialogues for more inclusive and sustainable forest landscape governance. The network is hosted by RECOFTC, in partnership with the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), and in collaboration with universities, research institutes, civil society organizations, local communities, investors and companies in the ASEAN region.

EXPLORE's ultimate goals are to establish a research network for forests and people in Southeast Asia by:

- 1) supporting an inclusive regional forest landscape governance research network;
- 2) providing capacity development to network members; and
- 3) developing and funding small grants that incentivizes multi-disciplinary research with universities and research institutions throughout the region.

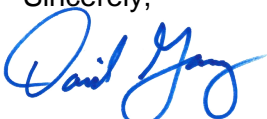
EXPLORE will lead to collaborative research and the joint creation of knowledge to improve policies and practices in forest landscape governance. We aim to generate transboundary, regional or multi-country, transformative and multidisciplinary research with policy-makers, civil society, private sector and communities — and share and apply emerging landscape knowledge widely.

The inception workshop aims to introduce the program and to identify existing research gaps, challenges and opportunities. Within specific thematic areas, the workshop will identify and review the extent of collaborative research. Lastly, EXPLORE's Secretariat will present the foundations of the network, introduce the Advisory Committee and explain how future grant schemes will be used to fund the network's research.

For more information, please contact the program secretariat at explore.secretariat@recoftc.org and complete the registration form <https://forms.gle/k6iJPQKcapuABQYL6> to confirm your participation in the workshop by 19th April 2021. In addition to the attached agenda, we will provide you with further workshop details once you have confirmed your attendance.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the EXPLORE Regional Inception Workshop on April 28th and 29th.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
RECOFTC

**Overview agenda: Forest Landscape Governance Research Network (EXPLORE)
Regional Inception Workshop**

28-29 April 2021 (9.00 am -12.30 pm)

Online platform

1. Workshop objectives:

- Introduce RECOFTC-CIFOR’s new program called EXPLORE to new network members and socialise the concept and scope of the research network;
- Identify specific research gaps, challenges and opportunities and in specific thematic areas of forest landscape governance, gender and social inclusion, livelihoods, covid-19 recovery and climate change;
- Understand the extent of existing collaborative research within countries and within existing regional collaboration. Explore ways forward and define next steps, action plans and key actors to address research network gaps in general and in thematic areas; and
- Present how the network will be established, its capacity development program and guiding frameworks, and the grant scheme for the development of research proposals.

2. Program details

	DAY 1 (Wed 28 Apr)	DAY 2 (Thu 29 Apr)
AM	Session 1: Welcome note and setting the stage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is FLG? - Why is it important? - Why now? Session 2: Presentation of the Forest Landscape Governance Research Network program	Session 6: Thematic breakout groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Forest landscape governance ● Gender and social inclusion ● Livelihoods and covid-19 recovery ● Climate change
	<i>Break: Zoom group photo</i>	<i>Break</i>
	Session 3: Breakout groups on research network Session 4: Feedback and report back from breakout groups Session 5: Wrap up of day 1	Session 7: Feedback and report back from breakout groups Session 8: Plenary discussion on ways forward, next steps and action plans Session 9: Summary on FLGRN network establishment and grant scheme for the development of future research proposal Session 7: Closing remarks

Note:

- The Zoom meeting link and the date for a workshop dry-run will be shared later.
- Participants are advised to be online 15 minutes prior to the workshop program.