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SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Title of session:

Integrating Forest Ecosystem Services Approach into Forest Management in the Himalayan landscape

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Abstract:

Functions and attributes of forest ecosystems can only be considered services when they provide benefits to society. Forests are one of the most important providers of the ecosystem services (provisioning, regulating and cultural) which are essential for supporting human life on the Earth. However, forest management planning is yet to incorporate the role of forest ecosystem services in management decision making. By overlooking the important role of forests as ES providers, management options usually tend to be limited to site-specific resource management and monitoring, and fail to incorporate forest functions in the entire landscape. Fortunately, in India the new working plan code 2014 provides an excellent opportunity to integrate forest ecosystem services approach into forest management. This session will be designed to synthesize the process for integrating ES approach into forest management within the framework of 2014 working plan code. Experts with experience in formulation of divisional forest working plan and ES will join this session.

Goals and objectives of the session:

Goal: Strengthening ecosystem services based forest management in Himalayan landscapes

Objectives: 1) Identify process and appropriate tools for the integration of ES into forest management and planning

2) Formulate policy recommendations to integrate ES in the management of Himalayan landscapes

Planned output / Deliverables:

Summary of process to integrate ES approach into forest management

List of tools and their description

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List of policy recommendation

Voluntary contributions accepted:

No, I only want to include my own invited speakers

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