

FSC Remedy Forum: The FSC Remedy Framework in Asia Pacific

Context

The FSC Remedy Framework, effective starting 1 July 2023, is an approach for healing people and landscapes negatively impacted by forestry operations. Indonesia is the location where the first FSC remedy processes are being implemented. These first cases offer opportunities for learnings and discovery and has encountered the first challenges and concerns. The FSC Remedy Forum is an opportunity for FSC to feature the remedy framework as a consultative and restorative procedure and to create our own narrative around remedy. The project aims to shift the narrative towards the positive promise of remedy in restoration of forest ecosystems and biodiversity, and redress to local communities.

Description

The Alternative Dispute Resolution and Remedy Team under the System Integrity Unit will be organizing a campaign and a forum on the FSC Remedy Framework. The geographic scope of the project is Asia Pacific, and the forum will be taking place in **Jakarta Indonesia on the 24th and 25th of June 2025**.

The campaign will provide informative, in-depth content while the forum will offer a deeper, more thoughtful discussions on the FSC Remedy Framework. The forum will also provide valuable perspectives to engage the attendees.

Key stakeholders / target audience for the campaign and forum

- Government Organization Officials
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
- Union Representatives
- Private Sector Representatives
- Academics and Researchers
- Experts and Technical Service Organizations
- Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Organizations
- FSC Asia Pacific Network Partners: Country leads of FSC in the Asia Pacific region.
- FSC Asia Pacific Members
- International Organizations: Representatives from global initiatives like the United Nations, the World Bank, and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

- Funding Organizations
- General Public

The FSC Remedy Campaign

Objective

Spread awareness about the value and benefits of remedy for forests and people through a communication campaign, and generating interest in being a part of the conference (as speakers, participants and audience), which will be designed and implemented by a creative/PR/marketing agency.

Themes

- What is remedy?
 - Verified restoration of environmental harms and restitution of social harms
 - Healing and regeneration of degraded forest landscapes
 - Equivalent, proportional, longevity, and additional restoration with specific requirement of site selection based on geographical proximity
 - Outline of a remedy process and how verification is embedded into each stage of the process
- What is special about FSC's work in this space?
 - FSC's role at a facilitator of remedy processes
 - FSC pioneering a non-judicial approach and providing access to remedy to rights holders in forest landscapes
- Why should rights holders and other stakeholders be excited about the implementation of FSC's Remedy Framework?
 - Remedy processes rooted in consultative processes, ensuring the application of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) for rights holders.
 - Value and benefits of remedy for the environment and rights holders (Indigenous Peoples and local forest dwelling communities).
 - Outcomes of remedy processes will bring value and opportunities for other stakeholders like the government, academia, etc.
 - Possibility of benefitting from verified ecosystem services like carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation, etc.
- What is the value of remedy for forest managers (with land converted between 1994 – 2020)? (a value chain proposition for high-value chains like rubber, bamboo, etc.)
 - FMUs converted in this time period become eligible for certification
 - Controlled forest certificate holders can convert to full certification (also a normative requirement now)

- Forest managers who acquired converted land need to fulfil partial remedy to become eligible for certification

The FSC Remedy Forum

Objectives

1. Showcase the potential of the FSC Remedy Framework
2. To create engagement and strengthen partnerships across stakeholders, including local government, researchers, experts, NGOs, CSOs, organizations, indigenous peoples and local community.
3. To encourage the sharing of lessons learned from successful restoration projects by stakeholders within the APAC region through collaborative discussions on remedy.
4. To produce actionable recommendations and strategies to better implement the remedy framework.

Themes

- Remedy in the Asia-Pacific: A Regional Perspective
 - Current landscape of remedy efforts and stakeholder roles
 - Challenges and opportunities in achieving effective remedy
- Innovative Solutions for Remedy in the Forest Sector
 - Advancements in social and environmental impact assessments
 - Emerging methodologies in FPIC processes
 - Technological solutions for monitoring and verification
- Enabling Conditions for Remedy in the Forest Sector
 - Case studies of successful restoration projects in the region
 - Policy and institutional frameworks supporting remedy efforts
- Best Practices in Social & Environmental Impact Assessments
 - Approaches for integrating stakeholder perspectives
 - Lessons learned from implementation experiences