

Sino - ASEAN Network of Forestry Research Institutes (SANFRI)

Report of the The Third Steering Committee Meeting

Kunming, Yunnan, P. R. China (Virtual Meeting)
(Thursday 13th January, 2022)

1. Background

The Sino - ASEAN Network of Forestry Research Institutes (SANFRI), as one of keystone policy dialogue activities of APFNet, is tailored for forestry researchers from ASEAN economies and China. It aims at advancing forestry research by strengthening cooperation and facilitating collaborative actions that contribute to sustainable forest management in the Asia-Pacific Region

In line with the Framework of SANFRI and considering the impact of COVID - 19, APFNet proposed to virtually hold the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting of SANFRI in January 2022. The Meeting was co-organized by APFNet and Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland (YAFG), and invited all the Steering Committee members to review the implementation of SANFRI activities, discuss priorities for program development and explore collaboration opportunities among regional forestry research institutes.



2. Objectives

The objectives of the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting are:

- Report the progress of SANFRI activities during 2020-2021,
- Discuss and adopt work plan for 2022-2023, and
- Elect the next rotating presidency for 2022 - 2023.

3. Summary of main activities

3.1. Opening speech

In the morning of January 13, 2022, Ms. Zhong Mingchuan, President of Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland, China, gave her address to the Meeting and took charge of the Meeting. Mr. Lu De, Executive Director of APFNet, also delivered his good wish to the Meeting's success and prospected the future cooperation among economies after a brief introduction of APFNet and SANFRI.



During the presentation, President Ms. Zhong Mingchuan expressed that due to impact of COVID-19 pandemic, the Third Steering Committee of SANFRI has to be held online. She summarized and reviewed major progress of SANFRI activities in the year of 2020-2021.

Prof. Zhong Mingchuan mentioned that over the past two years, as the chair of the Second Steering Committee of SANFRI, under the guidance of APFNet, in accordance with the SANFRI management mechanism, rules and principle, Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland firstly launched the Young Scholar Visiting Program. Ten young scholars finished their 3-6 month's training study in YAAG for the first batch; Due to the pandemic, the second batch has to be suspended; For the third batch, there are 5 applicants have been admitted, and waiting for recovery of international travel when pandemic situation under control.

She also stated briefly, under the support of APFNet, a team of 24 young forestry scholars from the SANFRI member institutes had been established. The Small Research Grant was launched to provide financial support to five researches conducted by China and Cambodia, Indonesia, and Vietnam respectively.



To promote the smooth implementation of the Young Scholar Visiting Program, the APFNet Center for SANFRI Young Scholar Exchange was jointly set up By APFNet and YAAG.

The president Zhong emphasized that according to the agenda of the Meeting, members would discuss the work plan and activities of the year 2022-2023 under the framework of cooperation, and elect the new Chair and Vice-chair of SANFRI for 2022 - 2023.

3.2. A review of the framework of SANFRI

After the opening speech, Ms. Sun Rui, Assistant Fellow of Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland, introduced an overview of the framework of SANFRI, including background, goals, objectives and expected output as well as the organization framework of SANFRI.



3.3. Election of SANFRI Chair and Vice-chair for 2022 – 2023

Election of SANFRI Chair and Vice-chair for 2022 – 2023 were carried out through voting by eight SANFRI member institutes. Dr. Vo Dai Hai, President of Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences, was unanimously elected as a new chair of SANFRI for 2022 – 2023. And Dr. Ismail Parlan, Director General of Forest Research Institute Malaysia, was unanimously elected as a new vice chair of SANFRI for 2022 – 2023.

3.4. Work report for 2nd term and work plan for 3rd term



Entrusted by the chair of the 2nd Steering Committee Meeting of SANFRI, Prof.

Zhang Jinfeng, Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland, made two presentations respectively, i.e. 1) SANFRI work report of 2020 - 2021, and 2) SANFRI work plan for 2022 - 2023.

3.5 Set up SANFRI Coordination Office

“SANFRI Coordination Office” is proposed to set up for more efficiently manage and coordinate the SANFRI activities/programs in the Meeting.

After discussion, all representatives from each economy of SANFRI had reached a consensus on setting up the SANFRI Coordination Office in Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland (YAFG), in order to 1) serve as a linkage between APFNet and member institutes, 2) provide voluntary contribution to assisting the rotating Chair and Vice-Chair institutes to conduct SANFRI activities, 3) promote joint researches, 4) publicity of concrete research outcomes, and 5) establish expert panel to provide consultancies.

4. Meeting resolution

(1) Dr. Vo Dai Hai, President of Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences, was elected as rotating chair of SANFRI for 2022 – 2023. And Dr. Ismail Parlan, Director General of Forest Research Institute Malaysia, was elected as vice chair of SANFRI for 2022 – 2023.

(2) The meeting endorsed and adopted the SANFRI Work Report (2020 – 2021), and Work Plan for 2022 - 2023

(3) Set up SANFRI Coordination Office in Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland for more efficiently manage and coordinate activities under SANFRI .

5. Observations and Comments

Dr. Lu De, Executive Director of APFNet, hopes that the YAFG will continue provide full support to the SANFRI, a specialized work team for Coordination Office is expected to assist the rotating chair and vice chair institute.

Ms. Deng Junqiu, Vice Director of International Cooperation Office of Forestry and Grassland Bureau of Yunnan Province, said that the Provincial Administration of

Forestry and Grassland will provide continuous support as always to YAFG, so as to boost better development of the APFNet and SANFRI.

Dr. Vo Dai Hai, President of Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences, highly acknowledged the successful completion of the Meeting. Vietnam and Malaysia have become new chair and vice chair of SANFRI for 2022 – 2023 respectively. The SANFRI Coordination Office in YAFG will better serve the member institutes. In the near future, wish all representatives would meet again in Vietnam.



6. Annex

6.1. Forum Agenda

January 2022		
Time	Agenda	Facilitator
08:45 - 09:00	Registration on line (Zoom Meeting)	
09:00 - 09:20	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from APFNet • Representative from the Chair of SANFRI 	Ms. Zhong Mingchuan President of Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland (YAFG)
09:20 - 09:30	Introduction to meeting agenda --- by Ms. Zhong Mingchuan, YAFG	
09:30 - 09:50	A review of the framework of SANFRI --- by Ms. Sun Rui, YAFG	
09:50 - 10:20	Election of SANFRI Chair and Vice-chair for 2022 - 2023 Discuss on coordination work of SANFRI activities	
10:20 - 10:40	Report on the progress of the SANFRI activities during 2020-2021 & discussions --- by Dr. Zhang Jinfeng, YAFG	Dr. Vo Dai Hai President of Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences (VAFS)
10:40 - 11:10	Discuss work plan for 2022-2023 of the SANFRI --- by Dr. Zhang Jinfeng, YAFG	
11:10 - 11:20	Discuss date and venue of the 4 th Steering Committee meeting of SANFRI	
11:20 - 11:40	Other matters	
11:40 - 12:00	Wrap-up and closing	

6.2. List of SANFRI Steering Committee representatives

- Mr. Lu De, Executive Director of APFNet; lude@apfnet.cn
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