

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Southeast Asia Regional Alumni Capacity Building and Networking Seminar

*“Tools for actor-based management of conflicting
interests in the land-water-forest nexus in Southeast
Asia”*

25 September – 1 October 2022 in Vientiane, Lao PDR





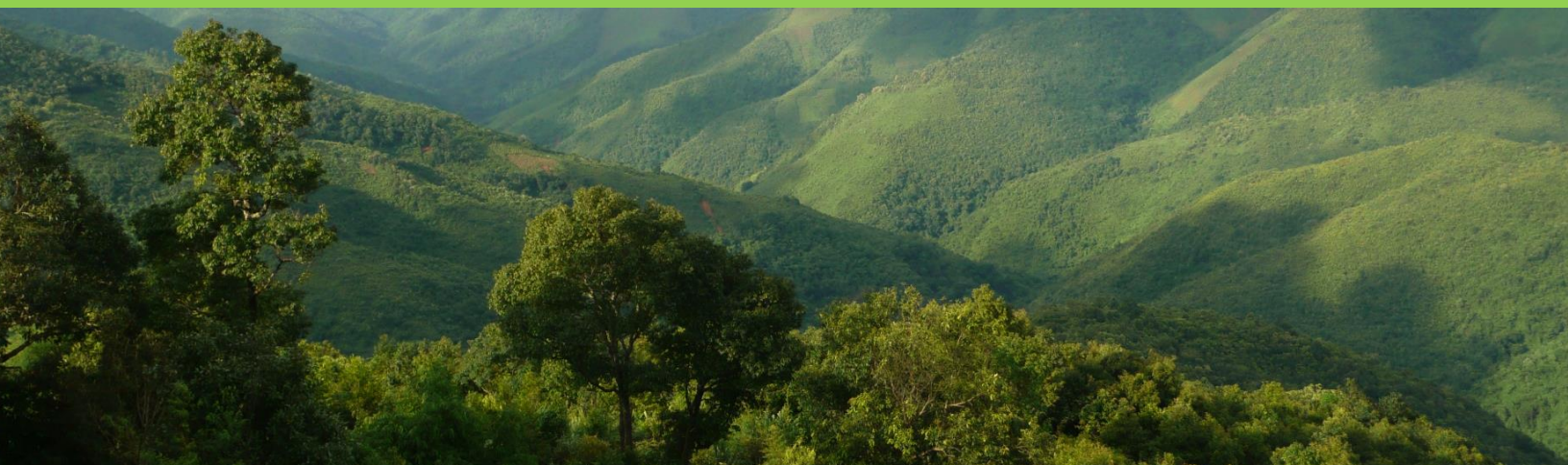
SEMINAR CONTENT AND AIMS

Not only since the founding of the Global Landscape Forum in 2013, there is a growing recognition that urgent, complex development policy issues require landscape-based approaches to overcome one-dimensional and disciplinary silo-thinking. Solving natural resources management and governance conflicts and crisis require interdisciplinary and holistic ways in policy making and corresponding actions on the ground. This paradigm changes manifests in the rise of integrative concepts to natural resources management such as Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) or Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). Such multi-disciplinary approaches impose new demands on traditional disciplines such as forestry, hydrology, ecology, nature conservation or agriculture to think outside the box. It challenges scientists, policy-makers, development practitioners and entrepreneurs to increasingly communicate and cooperate beyond their disciplinary scopes.

This regional alumni seminar addresses scientists and practitioners from Southeast Asia, working in universities, research organizations, state administration, civil society organizations, the corporate sector and development agencies having a stake in environmental and natural resources management, including land, water, forest and biodiversity and other relevant fields. The seminar provides opportunities to strengthening capacities on integrative and actor-oriented management and governance concepts at landscape level through scientific exchange and practice-oriented field excursions, including the following aims.

- Strengthening interdisciplinary and holistic perspectives on natural resources and environment management with a focus on the forest-land-water nexus;
- Exploring actors-oriented and integrated concepts and tools for resolving conflicts and promoting sustainable natural resources planning at landscape level;
- Gaining practical experience through field excursions at landscape level and dialogue with landscape-based actors at different governance scales.

Beyond scientific exchange and practical learning, the seminar aims at consolidating and expanding relationships and partnerships among the alumni in Southeast Asia within and across disciplines, sectors and organizations from politics, administration, science, civil society and the international development cooperation.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

The seminar addresses **nationals from Southeast Asia** who formerly studied (BSc, MSc, PhD) or participated in short-term trainings (minimum 3 months) at a **German university**, and are currently living and working in their home countries. Interested alumni from all disciplines (natural and social sciences) and all sectors (science and research, administration, civil society, private sector, development cooperation) engaged in natural resources and environmental management are cordially invited to apply.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A filled out **application form**: The form is available on <https://tu-dresden.de/bu/umwelt/forst/inter/tropen/die-professur/news/call-for-applications>

Applications further include a **short CV** with photograph and relevant documentation of alumni status. An **abstract** for a poster presentation relevant to the aim and content of the seminar taking reference to the participant's home country.

The PDF-document should be named 'Last name_First name_country' (e.g. Mustermann_Mara_Germany).

Please send your application, as one single pdf file, latest by **31 May 2022** via email to: simon.benedikter@tu-dresden.de

Please note: Completeness of personal data mentioned in the online application form will affect your eligibility as a participant.

After the review by the organizing committee, the invited participants will be notified by 1 July 2022.

For further questions, please contact Simon Benedikter (simon.benedikter@tu-dresden.de, + 49 351 463 31841)

COST COVERAGE

- International return ticket to Laos (lowest possible economy class airfare)
- Accommodation and meals during the stay in Laos during the seminar
- Transport on excursions





ORGANIZERS AND SPONSORS

The regional German alumni seminar is hosted by the National University of Laos in cooperation with the TU Dresden and UNU-FLORES. The costs will be mainly covered by funds from the DAAD provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

TENTATIVE SEMINAR PROGRAM

The seminar program in Laos will include:

- Keynotes speeches and scientific exchange on integrated natural resources management/planning and landscape governance, the forest-water nexus at landscape level, actors and conflict resolution;
- Poster presentations by the participating alumni;
- Engagement with international organizations involved and forestry and water management in the Mekong Region (e.g. Mekong River Commission);
- Excursion to the Nam Ngum watershed and dialogue with local stakeholders;
- Role play and landscape planning exercise based on the excursion;
- Social and cultural events;

The final program in Vientiane will be published once all applications have been reviewed.

