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General Keynote: Rahul Ahuja, CEO, Aron Global

Mr. Rahul Ahuja is the Founder & CEO of Aron Global, the world's largest teak trader with revenues of US\$ 100M and 125 employees across 12 country offices. The company has a strong presence in Latin America, West Africa and Asia.



Thematic Keynote

Session I: Smallholder teak plantation, value addition and livelihood enhancement of rural communities

Dr. James M Roshetko, ICRAF (World Agroforestry Centre), Indonesia

James M Roshetko is an Agroforestry Systems and Integrated Natural Resource Management Scientist with 37 years of experience, including 32 years working in Southeast and South Asia. The focus of his research has been to generate and apply science-based knowledge to enhance rural development options through improved sustainable environmental management.



Thematic Session II: Cost-benefit analysis on teak investments and promoting responsible trade & markets of teak

Hwan-ok Ma, ITTO, Japan

Dr. Hwan-ok Ma is Officer-in-Charge, Division of Forest Management, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), an intergovernmental organization based in Yokohama, Japan, that promotes conservation of tropical forest resources and their sustainable management. He is an expert in forest-based climate change mitigation adaptation and biodiversity conservation in production forests in tropical countries.



Thematic Session III: Tree improvement, genetics, silviculture and stand management

Suwan Tangmitcharoen, Royal Forest Department, Thailand

Dr. SuwanTangmitcharoen is an Expert on Forest Plantation Promotion at the Royal Forest Department. He is also the Chairman of Technical Committee of the ITTO Teak Project in Mekong “Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the GMS”. He has worked for the Royal Forest Department for over 30 years.



Thematic Session IV: Management models for community forestry and family farming

Ernest G. Foli, CSIR - Forest Research Institute of Ghana

Dr. Ernest G. Foli is Principal Research Scientist at the CSIR- Forestry Research Institute of Ghana. As a scientist he has over 32 years of experience and held several management positions including Head of the Forests and Climate Change Division, Ecosystem Services & Climate Change Division, Plantation Production Division, Environment, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Unit, and the Training & Consultancy Unit at the Forestry Research Institute of Ghana.



Thematic Session V: Environmental protection, biodiversity conservation and Forest Landscape Restoration

Markku Kanninen, University of Helsinki, Finland

Dr. Markku Kanninen was the Research Director and Professor Emeritus at the Department of Forest Sciences of the University of Helsinki, Finland. He is an expert in tropical forestry, climate change, forest ecology, and forest management. He has been involved in tropical forest research for about 40 years. He received the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize as a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 2007.

Sunday, 4 September, 2022

12.00 – 18.00

Registration Commences at Conference Venue

Monday, 5 September 2022

07.30-09.00

Registration at Conference Venue

09.00-09.45

Opening Ceremony

Welcome address by Mr. John Allotey, Chief Executive, FC and Chairman of the LOC
Introduction of Conference Chair- MC

Opening Remarks by Prof. Victor Agyeman, Chairman of the World Teak Conference 2022

Music by Ghana Police Band "*Yen aray'asaseni*"

Group photographs

Cultural interlude

Statement by

- ▶ Mr. Walter Kollert, TEAKNET Steering Committee
- ▶ Mr. Abebe HAILE GABRIEL, Assistant Director General, Regional Representative (RAF), FAO
- ▶ Dr. John Parrotta, IUFRO President
- ▶ Ms. SheamSatkuru Executive Director, ITTO, Japan
- ▶ Hon. Samuel A. Jinapor, Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Ghana

09:45 - 10:00

Choreography by Ghana Dance Company

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10:00 - 10:30

Thematic Address: Rahul Ahuja, Aron Global

10:30 - 10:45

Official Opening of Conference by Special Guest of Honour H.E Alhaji Dr Mahamudu Bawumia, Vice President of the Republic of Ghana

10.45 - 11.30

Snack Break

Session I: Smallholder teak plantation, value addition and livelihood enhancement of rural communities

Session Chair: Markku Kanninen, Professor Emeritus, University of Helsinki, Finland

11:30 - 12:00

Session Keynote: James Roshetko, ICRAF, Indonesia

Smallholder teak farming: value-addition management for enhancement of livelihoods in Southeast Asia

12:00 - 12:15

Syam Viswanath, Director, Kerala Forest Research Institute, India

Comparative study on growth, biomass and wood quality of 25-year-old Tectona grandis managed under three agroforestry practices

12:15 - 12:30

Valerie Fumey Nassah, Forestry Commission of Ghana

Mixtures of Modified Taungya Teak Plantations and Non timber forest Products enhances community livelihoods in Ghana

12:30 - 13:00

Discussion

Lunch

Poster Viewing /Photo Exhibition

14:00 -14:15

Hugh C. A. Brown, Forestry Commission of Ghana

Forest Plantation Development in Ghana: Past, Present and the Future

14:15 -14:30

Mark Hogg, CEO, Mere Plantations, United Kingdom

"From Seed to Saw" Commercially

14:30 -15:00

Panel Discussion: Global Teak Market

Moderator: Yongyut Trisurat, Regional Project Coordinator, ITTO Teak Project, Kasetsart University, Thailand

Panelists: Tetra Yanuariadi (ITTO), Walter Kollert (WaKa Forest Investments), Rahul Ahuja (Aron Global)

15:00 -15:30

Business to Business Meeting (B2B) Meeting – Facilitated by Prof. Daniel Ofori, University of Ghana

Break

ITTO Teak Mekong Session

Moderator: Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi, Projects Manager, ITTO, Japan

Opening Remarks

Ms. Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director, Japan

Sustainable Teak Management for Mekong Sub-region – Teak Mekong Project Overview and Progress

Yongyut Trisurat, Regional Project Coordinator, Kasetsart University, Thailand

Efforts of Teak Genetic Conservation and Improvement and Value Chain in Laos

Vongvilay Vongkhamsao, Forestry Research Centre, NAFRI, Laos

16:00 -17:30

Myanmar Efforts in Teak Genetic Conservation and Improvement and Myanmar Timber Legality and Assurance System (MTLAS)

Zar Chi Hlaing, Forest Research Institute, Yezin, Myanmar)

Development of Teak Plantation and Value Chains to Support Vietnam Forest Industry
Tran Lam Dong, Vietnamese Academy of Forestry Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam

Cambodia's Teak Plantation and its Implications on Trade Access
Chheang Dany, Forestry Administration, Cambodia

Thailand's Teak Plantation Industry and Market
Sapol Boonsermsuk, Royal Forest Department, Thailand

Launching of the Teak Book: 'Teak in Mekong for a Sustainable Future'

Wrap-up and Closing Remarks
Dr. Ma Hwan-OK, Senior Projects Manager, ITTO, Japan

17:30 - 19:30

Welcome Reception (cocktail)
Cultural Performances by Ghana Dance Company

Tuesday, 6 September 2022

09:00 - 09:10

Opening Remarks by Victor Kwame Agyeman, Conference Chair, Immediate Past Director of CSIR, Ghana, Director General of CSIR, Ghana

Session II: Cost-benefit analysis on teak investments and promoting responsible trade & markets of teak

Session Chair: Dr. Nurudeen Iddrisu, Acting Executive Director, Timber Industry Development Division, Forestry Commission, Ghana

09:10 - 09:40

Willem Fourie, Managing Director, Form Ghana
Teak Plantation Investments in Ghana - The FORM Ghana Story

09:40 -10:10

Session Keynote: MA- Hwan Ok, ITTO, Japan

Teak Market and Investments

10:10 -10:25

Walter Kollert, WaKa Forest Investment Services AG, Portugal

Monitoring price trends of teak wood using teak-price indices

10:25 -10:35

Sanjay Poddar, Sree Rani Sati (SRS Group)

Promoting Sustainable Teak Investments in emerging economics

10:35 -10:45

Sreelakshmy MP

Overview of TEAKNET- The International Teak Information Network

10:45-11:00

Discussion

11:00-11:30

Break

Session III: Tree improvement, genetics, silviculture and stand management

Session Chair: Daniel Ofori, Director, CSIR-Forestry Research Institute of Ghana

11:30-12:00

Session Keynote: Suwan Tangmitcharoen, Royal Forest Dept., Thailand

Genetic conservation and sustainable management of natural and planted teak resources in The Greater Mekong Sub-region, (GMS)

12:00-12.15

Tieme Wanders, Form International, Netherlands

Teak genetic diversity in Ghana

12:15- 12.30

Swathi Balakrishnan, Kerala Forest Research Institute, India

Teak Genomics for Conservation and Timber Verification

12:30 -12:45

Mario Guevara Bonilla, Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica

Use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's) as a precision tool to monitor and manage teak plantations in Costa Rica: First experiences

12:45 -13:10

Discussion

13:10 -14:10

Lunch Poster Viewing /Photo Exhibition

14:10 -14:25

Hon. Andrews Adjei Yeboah

Together We build –The Private Afforestation Development Organisation (PADO) Story

14:25 -15:30

Panel Discussion: Challenges in the global teak sector & TEAKNET Session

Moderator: Syam Viswanath, Director, Kerala Forest Research Institute, India

Panelists: Walter Kollert (Portugal), Sandeep (TEAKNET), Kenichi Shono (FAO), Fausto Takizawa (TRC Company)

15:30 -16:00

Break

16:00-16:45

IFSA Session: Young Champions of sustainable and legal supply chains for forest resources; focus on timber/teak resources

16:45-17:30

FORNESSA Session: Building Productive and Resilient Forest Landscapes in Africa

17:30- 18:00

TEAKNET Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 7 September 2022

08.50 - 09.00

Opening Remarks -Conference Chair

Session IV: Management models for community forestry and Family farming

Session Chair: Hon. Benito Owusu-Bio, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Lands and Natural Resources, Ghana

09:00 - 09:30

Session Keynote: Ernest Foli, Forest Research Institute of Ghana

Management models for community forestry and family farming

09:30 -10:00

Praveen IFS, Forest Department, Nagpur, India

Special session on 'Thinning of Teak Forests – A key to a productive, sustainable and profitable forest'

10:00 -10:15

Nelly Grace Bedijo, Programme Associate, Plantation Development, FAO

Teak site suitability simplified for community, small and medium scale tree farmers in Uganda

10:15 -10:30

Anders Pedersen, Independent Forestry Adviser, Denmark

Simplified, Extensive Teak Cultivation Models

10:30 -11:00

Discussion

11:00 -11:30

Morning Break

Session V: Environmental protection, biodiversity conservation and Forest Landscape Restoration

Session Chair: Kenichi Shono, FAO HQ, Rome

11:30 -12:00

Session Keynote: Markku Kanninen, University of Helsinki, Finland

Environmental protection, biodiversity conservation and Forest Landscape Restoration

12:00 -12:15

Adeyanju Adeniyi Taiye, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Avian species richness decline at Onigambari forest reserve: implications of land use conversion over Four decades

12:15 -12:30

Adigla Appolinaire Wédjangnon, Université de Parakou, Nigeria

Species performances off-habitat and simulation of dispersal limitation by assisted migration test

12:30 -13:00

Discussion

13:15 -14:15

Lunch

Poster Viewing /Photo Exhibition

14:00 -15:00

Panel Discussion: Teak value-added products and sustainable development

Moderator:Thulasidas PK, Consultant, ITTO Teak Mekong Project, India

Panelists: James Roshetko (ICRAF), Markku Kanninen (University of Helsinki), Kobsak Wanthonhchai (Kasetsart University, Thailand)

15:00 -15:40

Business to business Meeting (B2B) Meeting – Facilitated by (Alexander Boamah Asare, Forestry Consultant and Mercy Owusu Ansah, TROPENBOS GHANA

15:40-16:00

Evening Break

16:00-17:00

Closing Ceremony with Cultural Performances

Presentation of Awards to Sponsors

Closing remarks:

**Forestry Commission,
MLNR,
TEAKNET,
Conference Chair**

18:00-21:30

Farewell Party at Labadi Beach Hotel

Thursday, 8 September 2022

***Field Tour/Excursion Optional**

Option 1: USD 60

Visit to

Kakum National Park Canopy walkway (Rain Forest) & Cape Coast Castle

* Six hours bus ride- round trip (two hours to Cape Coast and one hour drive from Cape coast to Kakum)

Option 2: USD 100

Visit to

Shai Hills Resource Reserve & Boat Cruise

* Three-hours bus drive (round trip)
* Interesting features include wildlife, rock climbing, cave exploration, Boat cruise on "Dodi princess II" on the Volta Lake

Option 3: USD 200

Visit to

Form Ghana Plantation : Akumadan "Ashanti region"

* 35 minutes internal flight, then bus travel for 2 hours to Form Ghana plantation