



Purpose: Consideration

**Fourth Meeting of the APFNet Council**

25 March 2018 Beijing, China

**Members' Nominations for APFNet Board Membership 2019-22**

The APFNet Secretariat received seven (7) nominations from its members by 10 March 2018.

<b>Nominees</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
W.T.B. Dissanayake	Forest Department, Sri Lanka
John James Leigh Vetter	Peru Forest and Wildlife Service
Allison Lewin	Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Australia
Nor Akhirrudin Bin Mahmud	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia
C.T.S. Nair	FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
Simon Saulei	Papua New Guinea Forestry Authority
Sudayatna	Secretariat of Extension and Human Resources Development Agency, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia

Nomination forms with detailed CVs of nominees are attached as annex 2.

An annexed table (Annex 1) presents APFNet Board Membership as of March 2018.

## APFNet Board Membership Status (as of March 2018)

NAME	POSITION AND ORGANIZATION	Fields of expertise and experience	Nominated by	Term status	Current Term expires on
1 Mr. <u>ZHAO</u> Shucong (outgoing Chair)	Vice Director-General of the National Afforestation Commission of China President of the Chinese Society of Forestry	Before his engagement in APFNet as the Chair of the Board since 2015, ZHAO served as the Administrator (Vice Ministerial level) of the State Forestry Administration of China (SFA), with his leadership focusing on forest tenure reform, forest fire control, and national projects such as afforestation, Grain for Green and North Shelterbelt. His profound understanding of the interactions among social, economic and ecological dimensions has helped shape his vision in forests and forestry and persistence in advancing forest sector for both ecological safeguard and people's wellbeing. Prior to serving in the forest sector, ZHAO was appointed as senior government officials in Provinces of Anhui and Shandong of China, including the vice Governor of Anhui.	State Forestry Administration, China	Reappointment confirmed	07 Apr 2021
2 Mr. Grahame <u>Applegate</u>	Associate Professor Principle Research Fellow Tropical Forests and People Research Centre Faculty of Arts, Business and Law University of the Sunshine Coast	Forestry and natural resource management specialist with over 30 years' experience in tropical forest management, community forestry and climate change in the Asia Pacific region, particularly in Indonesia (15 years), Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Lao PDR, and Nepal.	Department of Agriculture, Australia	Reappointed	07 Apr 2020

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3	Dr. <u>Chea Sam Ang</u> Director General General Directorate of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection Ministry of Environment, Cambodia	Serving Cambodian Forestry Administration since 1998, vast experience and practical knowledge in various aspects of forest management ranging from community-based forest management to REDD+ mechanism and international forest policy process. Leadership roles played in Cambodia's forestry development, such as developing the National Forest Programme, and forest management plans at the subnational level.	Forestry Administration, Cambodia	<u>Reappointed</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>07 Apr 2019</u>
4	Prof. Rex Victor <u>Oafallas Cruz</u> Professor and Director Environmental Forestry Programme College of Forestry and Natural Resources University of the Philippines	Almost 40 years in forestry profession. Chancellor of the University of the Philippines Los Baños. Being a scientist, a teacher, an administrator and a development worker, Rex has extensive expertise and knowledge in forest ecosystem, climate change, and sustainable development, etc. He is also an active player in the Philippine forestry education and has been involved in the review, update and development of several forestry and environment policies of the Philippines.	Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Philippines	Reappointed 2017	07 Apr 2020
5	Mr. Pralong <u>Dumrongthai</u> Inspector General of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand	Pralong Dumrongthai is the Deputy Director General of Thailand's Royal Forest Department (RFD), where he is responsible for forestry related international cooperation, R&D, forest certification, community forestry, and six provincial forestry offices etc. Before that, he was the Director of Community Forest Management Bureau under RFD. He has also been involved in different regional forestry networks and organizations and worked closely with the private sector in Thailand.	Royal Forest Department, Thailand	<u>Reappointed</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>07 Apr 2019</u>

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6 Mr. Patrick <u>Durst</u>	Independent consultant (Formal Senior Forestry Officer, FAORAP)	His area of interests lies in restoration. Patrick Durst used to be the Senior Forestry Officer of FAO/RAP, where he coordinates and supports FAO's forestry program of work and activities. Before working for FAO/RAP, he was previously the Coordinator for Asia/ Near East Programs of USDA Forest Service and served as a US Peace Corps Volunteer Agroforestry Extensionist in the Philippines. He has authored and compiled many forestry related publications.	FAO	Reappointment confirmed	07 Apr 2021
7 Mr. Jack <u>Hurd</u>	Conservation Director/Deputy Managing Director of the Asia-Pacific Region, TNC	With over 25 years of experience in the Asia-Pacific region, Jack has accumulated an in-depth understanding of the social, economic, ecological and climate dimensions in managing terrestrial, marine and freshwater ecosystems. He has a deep background in the NGO sector, and extensive experiences bringing diverse stakeholders together to identify creative solutions to the challenges of managing forest resources in the region.	TNC	Reappointment confirmed	07 Apr 2021
8 Dr. Ganesh Raj <u>Joshi</u>	Adjunct Professor, Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal	He has made valuable contributions in over 25 years on leadership positions at various capacities in different sectors, including the environment, tourism, agriculture and forestry. He understands the inter-linkages among these sectors and is able to analyze issues and identify solution in a holistic manner.	Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Nepal	Reappointed 2017	07 Apr 2020
Ganesh has obtained a Ph. D in Agricultural Economics (with specialization in Natural Resources Economics) from UPLB Philippines and worked as a Research Fellow in the					

## Annex 1

University of Giessen, Germany. He has published over a dozen of articles in national and international journals on natural resources management, agriculture, environment and climate change and forestry.

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9	Mr. <u>Li Qiang</u> Systems/Market Analyst Trade and Industry Division International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)	Serving ITTO for more than 8 years after 20 plus years working in the Ministry of Commerce of P.R. China. Experience in international organizations and NGOs, extensive expertise on tropical timber trade and data, forest and timber certification, procurement policies, timber legality and law enforcement, etc.	ITTO	<u>Reappointed</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>07 Apr 2019</u>
10	Mr. Stephen <u>Midgley</u> Director, Salwood Asia Pacific Pty Ltd	He has worked continuously in Asia and the Pacific for over 40 years through many forestry projects and lived long-term in Laos, Nepal, Sri Lanka and China. Stephen had a long career with Australia's national research agency, CSIRO, where he led national and multinational programs related to tree improvement, genetic resources and rural development. His fields of expertise include forest genetic resources, commercial forest plantations, and community forestry and he has a special interest in smallholder contributions to commercial wood supplies.	Department of Agriculture, Australia	Reappointment confirmed	07 Apr 2021
11	Dr. Sadanandan <u>Nambiar</u> (AO) Hon Fellow-CSIRO Forest Science, Canberra, Australia	He has held several senior R & D leadership positions, including Chief Research Scientist and Science Director, in CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products. He has been actively engaged for nearly 20 years in collaborative R&D in a number of countries in Asia and in South America. Sadanandan has a high international standing based on his leading contributions to the science of sustainable forest management and for enabling practical applications for improving forestry in Australia and in tropical countries.	Department of Agriculture, Australia	Reappointed 2017	07 Apr 2020

He has received awards from Australia, South Africa, USA, Commonwealth Forestry Association (CFA), Vietnam and IUFRO. He has been honored in Australia as an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO).

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12 Mdm. <u>Wan</u> Hasmah Wan Mohd.	Consultant, SRMJ Agrobase Sdn.Bhd. Malaysia (Former Undersecretary, Biodiversity and Forestry Management, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Malaysia)	Before being an independent consultant in forestry related Malaysian business, was the former Undersecretary of Biodiversity and Forestry Management, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia during 2011-2014. She has vast experience in biodiversity and forestry management and is able to better integrate those two areas. Before that, she had nearly 30 years of experience working in different public sectors, e.g. agriculture, finance, international trade and industry, women and community development.	Ministry Natural Resources and Environment, Malaysia	<i>Reappointed</i> 2016	<i>07 Apr 2019</i>
13 Mr. <u>FAN</u> Kejun (ex-officio, non-voting)	Deputy Director General, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Finance, P. R. China	In charge of managing the budget of agriculture and forestry agencies of Chinese government. Dedicated to agricultural and rural development, poverty alleviation, conservation of agricultural and forestry ecosystem, in-depth understanding of agricultural development, poverty alleviation in rural areas and forestry development policy.	Appointed by China	Appointed 2016	since Apr 2016
14 Dr. <u>LU</u> De (ex-officio, non-voting, Secretary)	Executive Director	Served the State Forestry Administration of China for more than 20 years on forestry related international cooperation. He's gained rich experience through the active engagement in negotiations at international processes and conventions, and promoting cooperation and exchange of knowledge and experience between China and the region.	State Forestry Administration, China	Appointed Sept 2017	18 Sept 2020



Purpose: Adoption

### **Fourth Meeting of the APFNet Council**

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### **Proposed Procedures of Nomination and Selection of Members of APFNet Board of Directors**

Rules of Procedure of the Board of Directors (Rule 8, Nomination and Rule 9, Selection) and the Council (Rule 3, Powers) outline the nomination and selection of members of the Board of Directors in general terms. This procedure provides additional rules and guidelines for the APFNet Council regarding the nomination and selection of Board members, when such elections are required.

#### **1. Responsibilities and Term of office**

##### ***Responsibilities***

Directors will serve in the Board in their personal capacity, providing general oversight of APFNet operations, and engaging in decision-making on such major issues as APFNet's strategies, objectives, priorities, regulations, appointment and assessment of the Executive Director, and the organizational framework. Board members may be encouraged to make efforts on fund raising for and promotion of the Organization.

They fulfill responsibilities through attending Board meetings and engaging in specific missions, to look after and improve APFNet's governance.

##### ***Terms of office***

Term of a Board member is three years and can be renewed once by consensus of the Board.

##### ***Remuneration***

All non-executive Board members will serve without remuneration, but expenses incurred in attending Board meetings or performing duties may be covered by APFNet.

For specifics of Board and Board members, please refer to Rules of Procedure of Board of Directors.

#### **2. Eligibility**

- Definition of Eligibility should well echo functions of the Board and objectives of enhancing APFNet governance, and be reviewed on a regular basis. Generally, the following criteria should be considered when identifying Board members:

- Citizen or resident of APFNet member economy;
- Current or prior senior officials, high ranking professionals, experts, executives from governments, international organizations, academic institutions and enterprises in APFNet member economies and organizations;
- Influential in forest or relevant sectors, strong in networking and mobilizing resources
- Proven leadership ability and insight of regional development and forestry;
- Experience and knowledge of forests and forestry or relevant fields;
- Awareness of developments and processes of relevant international forestry fora;
- Knowledge, experience and skills regarding governance, policy development, financial expertise and strategic planning;
- Diversity and balance, including but not limited to gender, professions, ethnicity, race, age and geography;
- Good will, interest, passion and time commitment to substantially support APFNet;
- Strong command of English; and
- Experience in serving on boards is desirable (either for-profit or non-profit)

### **3. Nomination**

- Call for nomination will be normally launched eighteen(18) months prior to Board seats coming open, ensuring nomination collection, screening and selection at the ensuing Council meeting in six(6) months, and new Board members to begin their terms at next Board meeting one year later.
- Individuals should be nominated for their personal qualifications and commitment.
- Nominations should be made by and received from APFNet Council Representatives;
- Any individual Council representative may submit one(1) nomination, with a completed nomination form that states the nominee's acceptance of the nomination and the nominee's resume/CV;
- Council Representatives themselves could be nominated;
- Nominations must be sent to the APFNet secretariat by email or fax during the nomination period. Late nominations will not be considered; and
- Early nomination is encouraged to allow adequate time for APFNet member review before selection at the Council meeting.

### **4. Selection**

- Nominations will be distributed electronically to all APFNet members via Council representatives for review and consideration.
- Quorum should be ensured before balloting is open at the appropriate Council meeting. Each present Council member is eligible to vote for up to the number of seats open for the Board of Directors. Completed ballots must be received by Chair of the Council, who confirms receipt of the ballots upon signature.
- Council representatives who happen to be the candidates are allowed to vote on behalf of his/her economy.
- The number of candidates, equal to the number of then contested seats, receiving the highest number of votes shall join the APFNet Board of Directors. In the case of a tie between the two candidates, another vote should be conducted to see which candidate receive more support.



- In the event of number of nominations being equal to or less than the number of vacant seats, review and discussion on each candidate will be presided by Chair of Council, to decide if each nominated candidate is qualified to sit on the Board. This may result in a down-sizing of the Board, and the Council is encouraged to seek views of the Board before making such decisions.
- The election details, including number of votes for each candidate and any tie resolution, shall be recorded in writing, signed by Chair of the Council, and elected Board members should be announced to the APFNet Board of Directors and membership in due course.

