



Wetlands  
for Water and Life

## REGIONAL PROGRAMME ON THE MANAGEMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY (RPMS) SOUTHEAST ASIA

19-24 OCTOBER 2008 & 14-16 DECEMBER 2008

BOGOR, INDONESIA

### General Information for RPMS South East Asia 2008

#### ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The **Sustainability Challenge Foundation (SCF)** is an international not-for-profit non-governmental organization (registered in the Netherlands) and closely linked to Tilburg University and TiasNimbas Business School. SCF provides training and assistance to create new skills and new institutional structures to implement the concept of sustainability worldwide. SCF promotes the Mutual Gains Approach (MGA) to negotiation and introduces techniques of multi-stakeholder dialogue to resolve conflicts to build consensus in the context of implementing sustainable development.



**Wetlands International Indonesia Programme (WIIP)**, is a non-profit organization headquartered in the Netherlands, with offices in 13 other countries (including Indonesia). WIIP has been working in Indonesia since 1987 under a Memorandum of Understanding at the invitation of the Directorate General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation of the Ministry of Forestry. In its 20 years working in Indonesia WIIP has undertaken a wide variety of wetlands activities. These include the wise use and protection of wetlands and restoration of damaged wetlands (such as mangrove and peat land areas) in various parts of Indonesia through involving a wide range of stakeholders (including government, local communities, research institutions, academic organizations, NGOs and industries).



## ABOUT RPMS

SCF and WIIP are organizing a training programme on the management of sustainability that focuses on conflict management and demonstrates ways to discover common interests and build consensus to integrate the apparently contrasting demands of economic and social development and environmental protection.

**The Regional Programmes on the Management of Sustainability (RPMS)** are designed to give participants practical skills in building consensus among stakeholders with diverse economic, environmental and social interests, needs and values.

The core teaching principles and methods are:

- Bringing together participants from government, business and voluntary organizations that seek a variety of economic, environmental and social goals;
- Presenting management for sustainable development as a process of consensus building that demands both negotiation and joint analysis;
- Building participants' negotiation and management skills using realistic simulations that give participants opportunities for practice and skill assessment;
- Helping participants find ways to integrate what they have learned and practiced into their professional work, using participant-faculty collaborative workshops;
- Providing participants with ongoing support and advice, through faculty and SCF staff and through an Internet-accessible network of Program alumni.



The topics, participants, curriculum and faculty for RPMS are selected jointly by SCF and the regional partner organization (WIIP in this case).

## RPMS INDONESIA

The opportunities and benefits of the RPMS will be related to sustainable development approaches in natural resources management in Indonesia and neighbouring countries. The focus is on wetlands and forest management.

For resource managers, government officials, NGO representatives and members of the involved business community, negotiation skills are essential whether working collaboratively in programs or defining management practices for a protected area, or





participating in land-use decisions that will affect resources. While negotiation is basically a communication process for reaching resolution on multiple issues, negotiations in these settings can become quite complex. This is due to several reasons, including the variety of disciplines and stakeholders involved, the public nature of these decisions, the time and economic constraints on decision-making, and the significant impact that decisions can have on natural and economic resources.

By integrating the Mutual Gains Approach to negotiation with skills acquired in their day-to-day work, past participants to SCF trainings from Indonesia have realized the great value of the MGA for sustainable development when it is applied in the challenging situations of resources management in Indonesia. In discussions with SCF Board members, the opportunities and benefits for a RPMS dedicated to resources management and poverty alleviation in Indonesia have been identified.

### **Objectives RPMS Indonesia 2008**

The objectives of RPMS Indonesia are:

1. to enable participants from institutions and societal groups, working on natural resources and other management issues in Indonesia and elsewhere in Southeast Asia, to acquire skills and experience with the MGA for integration in their individual work
2. through a variety of learning tools, to work on individual cases brought to the course.
3. to learn about sustainable development and the role of the MGA with different stakeholders, using participants' individual cases in the training in order to apply this approach and to develop skills participants can implement in their daily work.



The training will consist of two parts, the second part 2-3 months after the first meeting. The second part is to evaluate and enhance insight and skills developed during the training and the period between the two parts while applying the acquired skills in selected "homework" cases.

Examples and cases studies in real situations can focus on:

- Sustainable development and wetlands management
- Capacity building for stakeholders in society
- Sustainable development, logging and deforestation



## Course Program

The program for RPMS has been designed to contain the following key elements:

### 1. Management of Sustainability

- ✓ Principles of key sustainable development issues for Indonesia
- ✓ Ecological, economic and social aspects of sustainability: *an integrated approach*
- ✓ Natural resource management and poverty alleviation: challenges and Opportunities for the management of sustainability in Indonesia (wetlands and forest management).

### 2. Conflict Resolution and Management Through Negotiation



- ✓ MGA approach to negotiation for management of sustainability
- ✓ Integration of technical tools into the negotiation process ((incl. joint fact-finding, EIA, SIA, risk assessment, etc.))

### 3. Clinic Cases

A limited number of real life clinic cases to apply the MGA approach.

## Participants

- ✓ Target groups
  - Politicians and civil servants working for regional authorities and regional offices
  - Consultants and experts working in the field
  - Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
  - Corporate managers working with sustainable management of natural resources



- ✓ Number

It is expected that participants of this training will not exceed 35 people





✓ **Selection**

Participants are selected by both WIIP and SCF. Participants have to be key players in (potential) sustainable development issues in Indonesia and Malaysia.

### **Faculty and Staff**

The lecturers and teachers of this training are world experts in sustainable management and the mutual gains approach to negotiation, and the trainers group includes several faculty members from Indonesia and Malaysia. Tentative faculty members and facilitators are listed below:

1. Ms. Mieke van der Wansem, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, Boston, USA
2. Mr. Huub Schrijver, Sustainability Challenge Foundation, the Netherlands
3. Ms. Nanda Gilden, Sustainability Challenge Foundation, the Netherlands
4. Mr. Dr. Bambang Widigdo, Agriculture Institute, Bogor, Indonesia
5. Mr. Nyoman Suryadiputra, Wetlands International-Indonesia Programme, Bogor, Indonesia
6. Ms. Sarala Aikanathan, Wetlands International-Indonesia Programme, Selangor, Malaysia
7. Mr. Irwansyah Reza Lubis, Wetlands International-Indonesia Programme, Bogor, Indonesia

Administrative support before, during, and after the Programme is provided by the project managers of Globus, the competence centre of TiasNimbas Business School for multidisciplinary research and teaching in globalization and sustainable development at Tilburg University (NL), and Wetlands International-Indonesia Programme.

### **Language**

The teaching language of RPMS Indonesia will be English. If circumstances require, there is a possibility for participants to use Indonesian language while playing in a simulation, but all participants should have at least a reasonably active command of the English language.



### **Finances**

The organizers will provide limited funding for participants who have received a scholarship, covering: course fee, full room and board, travel costs, course materials and per diem. These participants should cover their own personal expenses such as laundry, communication expenses, recreational trips (if any). Non-scholarship participants will need to pay a sum of money to partially cover either: course fee, full room and/or board.



### Timing

The first part of the programme is planned from Sunday evening, 19 October until Friday noon, 24 October 2008. The second part of the programme is planned from Sunday evening, 14 December until Tuesday afternoon, 16 December 2008.

### Location & Accommodation

*The course will be held in Gunung Geulis Golf & Resort, Gadog, Bogor, West Java*

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