

Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) for Sustainable Communities

1st National FMNR Conference in Timor-Leste

7-8 April 2014

Delta Nova, Rua Delta 1, Dili, Timor-Leste

Conference Program

CONFERENCE THEME

The conference theme centres on low cost, rapid methods of environmental restoration as a pathway to food security, economic development and adaptation to climate change. It is particularly pertinent at this time in Timor-Leste as:

- The demand for food, fuel and income has put a tremendous pressure on the vegetation cover.
- The clearing of vegetation and disturbance of the soil has resulted in a high degree of erosion and land degradation.
- In turn, this is resulting in food insecurity and child malnutrition.
- It is a vicious circle we need to change.

“We want a future for our children. We want to restore the forest, to protect our soil and water source. Our dream is to make this forest better than it is now.”

Afonso Beremau, farmer – Aileu District, Timor-Leste

OBJECTIVES

- Show evidence for the food security, nutrition, and climate resilience advantages of FMNR
- Show evidence for FMNR as a low-cost sustainable solution for restoring degraded farmlands and forests
- Highlight progress and impact of current World Vision Timor-Leste and Aileu District community FMNR efforts
- Engage all stakeholders (government, civil society, NGOs and FBOs) in the adoption and scale up of FMNR nationwide
- Strengthen existing FMNR activities in Timor-Leste and the region
- Show FMNR techniques to regional partners and the international development community
- Initiate interest in FMNR research among research and educational institutions
- Establish national and regional FMNR Working Groups
- Initiate dialogue on forest policy that encourages management by the local community.

Day 1: Monday 7 April ~ Morning

7:30 AM	Hotel to venue transfers	
8:00 AM	Registration for conference participants	
Session 1 – Problems and inspirational solutions		
Ms Irim Tolentino, MC		
9:00 AM	Mr Ego Lemus	Song - “To’os Nain ”
9:05 AM	Mr Samaresh Nayak Country Director, World Vision Timor-Leste	Welcome & Conference blessing
9:15AM	Mr Myles Harrison Director, World Vision Pacific Timor-Leste	The Development of FMNR in the East Africa Region and Opportunities in Timor-Leste
9:25 AM	Dr Mariano Sabino Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries	Trees, Income, Food and Nutrition
9:40 AM	Sr Nominando Soares Martins Secretary of State for the Environment	Forest & the Environment in Timor-Leste
9:50 AM	Sr Manuel Mendez Director of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries	Forests – Setting the Scene The state of the forests and the challenges facing forestry and agroforestry in Timor-Leste
10:00 AM	Representative of Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	FMNR as a Natural Resources Conservation & Development Methodology Around the World
10:10 AM	Conference Group Photograph & Opening of the Exhibition Morning Tea	
10:30 AM	Mr Tony Rinaudo Natural Resources Advisor, World Vision Australia & Pioneer of FMNR	Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration: an International Re-greening Odyssey The 'discovery' of FMNR in Niger, its international spread, and how it radically changed the dynamics of combatting deforestation, poverty and food insecurity.
10:50 AM	Dr James Roshetko Senior Team Leader and Agroforestry Systems Scientist, World Agroforestry Center, South East Asia Regional Office	Agroforestry meets FMNR Agroforestry and the FMNR nexus in South East Asia.
11:05 AM	Mr Charith Senanayke Director, Rainforest Rescue International	A Forest Garden Using Analog Forestry to strengthen community-based production systems and improve ecosystem resilience
11:20 AM	Sr Luis Mendez Head of Planning Department, Forestry Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Tara Bandu Role of Tara Bandu in community forest management.
11:30 AM	FMNR in Aileu District, Timor-Leste A short documentary video	
11:45 AM	Sr Manuel da Silva Farmer & Owner of FMNR plot Fahiria village, Aileu District	FMNR, my Family & my Community The impacts of FMNR and my private forest on my family and community.
12:00 PM	Q&A Panel Facilitator: Segenet Tessema, Agriculture and Climate Change Technical Specialist, World Vision Timor-Leste Panelists: Tony Rinaudo, James Roshhetko, Charith Senanayke, Manuel da Silva	
12:30 PM	Lunch	

Day 1: Monday 7 April ~ Afternoon

1:30 PM	Session 2 – Specific issues
1:30 PM	Triple bottom line of FMNR Mr Rob Francis Project Manager – FMNR, World Vision Australia
1:45 PM	Challenges & Prospects in Contextualizing FMNR in Timor-Leste Mr Segenet Tessema Agriculture & Climate Change Technical Specialist, World Vision Timor-Leste
2:00 PM	FMNR in Sub-Humid West Africa: Examples from Guinea and Sierra Leone Mr Scott Bode Associate Fellow, ICRAF- World Agroforestry Center, Maryland USA
2:15 PM	Water Conservation and Food Forest Mr Ego Lemus Permatil, Timor-Leste
2:30 PM	Afternoon Tea
	Session 3 – FMNR plans & conference outcomes
2:50 PM	Two groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The way forward in implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What will we do? Where will we do it? By when will we achieve it? (includes follow-up date for next meeting) How will we do it? Who will do what? The way forward in techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the major environmental & livelihood issues FMNR should address in TL? What are the major components of the technical package? What are the major anticipated technical challenges? How do we integrate FMNR with the other natural resources conservation & livelihoods activities? <p>Facilitator: Segenet Tessema Team: Tony Rinaudo, Rob Francis, Charith Senanayke Group 1: WV staff, MAF staff, Farmers representatives, some NGO delegates 2: Technical staff from MAF, WV & NGOs, researchers, students</p>
4:00 PM	Report back – Each group reports back to the conference on its plans.
5:00 PM	End Day 1 Venue to hotel transfers

Day 2: Tuesday 8 April ~ Morning

Session 4 – FMNR plans & conference outcomes

8:30 AM	Hotel to venue transfers
9:00 AM	Feedback: What is the most significant thing that struck you yesterday? Facilitator: Segenet Tessema
9:30 AM	Wrap up – Segenet Tessema responds to plans and indicates World Vision's commitment to follow up and facilitate FMNR in Timor-Leste.
10:00 PM	Morning tea

Session 5 – Aileu field visit

Field trip Coordinator: Mr Abilio Marques, General Services Manager, World Vision Timor-Leste

10:20 PM	Travel to Aileu
12:30 PM	Welcome and lunch in Fahiria village by World Vision Timor-Leste, Aileu Area Program
1:30 PM	FMNR and pilot plot visit and field demonstration
3:30 PM	Coffee break & closing statement by Myles Harrison, Director, World Vision Pacific Timor-Leste
3:45 PM	Travel back to Dili