



THE MODEL FOREST ACT INITIATIVE

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MoFAI Updates

MoFAI Showcases Potential Solutions at the Borneo Rainforest Law Conference

The Model Forest Act Initiative (MoFAI) gained attention at the prestigious Borneo Rainforest Law Conference held in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, from January 26-28, 2024.

Co-organized by The Commonwealth Lawyers Association and Sabah Law Society, the conference delved into critical topics like climate justice, human rights, and legal frameworks crucial for effective environmental governance.

MoFAI Project Manager Samantha Sy presented the initiative, highlighting MoFAI's potential to empower diverse stakeholders in developing and strengthening legal frameworks for sustainable forest management. She specifically focused on how the General Part of the Model Forest Act can be a resource for addressing key legal challenges faced in Southeast Asia. This presentation also served to update stakeholders who had participated in previous MoFAI consultations, fostering ongoing dialogue and collaboration.



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