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## **Preface**

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## **PREFACE**

The world now is facing a potential future risk which is climate change due to the increasing global temperature compared to the pre-industrial era in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Greenhouse gas emission released from un-clean industries, land use change, fuel-based transportation, energy, and urban waste has been considered as the main contributor to this problem. To tackle this issue, the international community has been offered various schemes including providing incentives for countries or entities that proved to be successfully reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

This year, the Faculty of Forestry Mulawarman University, Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia hosted The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on Tropical Forestry and Environmental Sciences (3<sup>rd</sup> ISTFES) on August 29-31, 2023 in Balikpapan. The symposium was co-organized with Kreativa Organizer Samarinda, Indonesia. In line with the climate change issue as described above, the symposium took "Forest & Environment Future Challenges and Opportunities on Climate Policies and Benefits" as the main theme. A total of 139 participants attended this symposium which came from various institutions and universities including four keynote speakers, three invited speakers, oral presenters, and participants.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> ISTFES committee wishes to express gratitude to all authors and co-authors who have contributed to this event by submitting their valuable and recent works. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ISTFES proceeding, comprising 59 selected reviewed papers that published in the this IOP conference series: Earth and Environmental Sciences (EES).

As the chairman of the symposium, I would like to convey our appreciation to all keynote speakers and invited speakers: Ir. Ujang Rachmat, M.Si (Assistant for Economic and Development Administration, East Kalimantan Province); Dr. Tetra Yanuardi (Project Manager, Division of Trade and Industry, International Tropical Timber Organization, Japan); Dr. Robert Nasi (Director General of CIFOR-ICRAF); Prof. Dr. Phua Mui How (Universiti Malaysia Sabah); Mirna Asnawi Safitri, S.H., M.Si., Ph.D (Deputy for Environmental and Natural Resources, Authority Bureau of *Nusantara* Capital City (OIKN)); Tunggul Butar Butar (Project Leader for Peatland Management and Rehabilitation Project (PROPEAT–GIZ)); and Dr. Josi Khatarina (USAID Sustainable Environmental Governance Across Region (SEGAR)). Our sincere gratitude also goes to the sponsors: the Governor of East Kalimantan Government, East Kalimantan Regional Council of Climate Change, GIZ PROPEAT, USAID SEGAR, and PT Multi Harapan Utama (MHU), for their invaluable contribution to making this conference highly meaningful and rewarding. We expect that forthcoming ISTFES conferences will be equally exciting, given the encouraging evidence of contribution demonstrated in these proceedings.

Warm regards, Chairman of Organizing Committee Ali Suhardiman, Ph.D IOP Conf. Series: Earth and Environmental Science

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