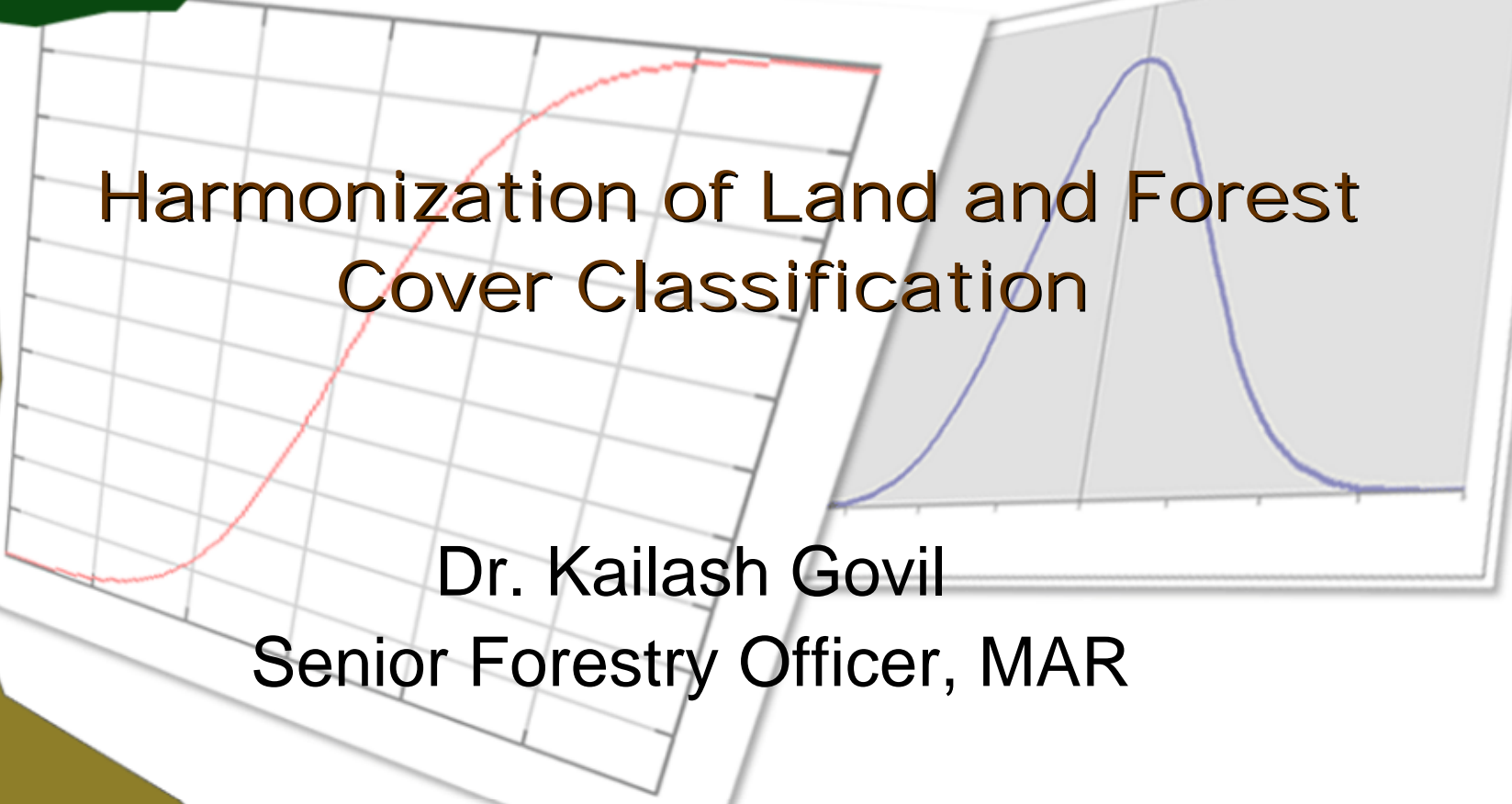


# Harmonization of Land and Forest Cover Classification

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# Outline

**Purpose**

**Process**

**Definition**

**Conceptual Processes**

**Organization of the session**

# Purpose

- **Building capacities of its members to generate and use better information**
- **Enabling policy, management and regulatory frameworks**

# Harmonization Process

**Goals- Fostering unambiguous use of definitions and promoting deliberate choice of definitions in any new context.**

**Collects existing definitions, establishes linkages, identifies common elements, differences, incompatibilities and inconsistencies, as well as qualitative and, if possible, quantitative relationships**

**Suggest recommendations for modifications to one or several definitions to enhance compatibility, consistency or even congruency.**

# Harmonization Vs Standardization

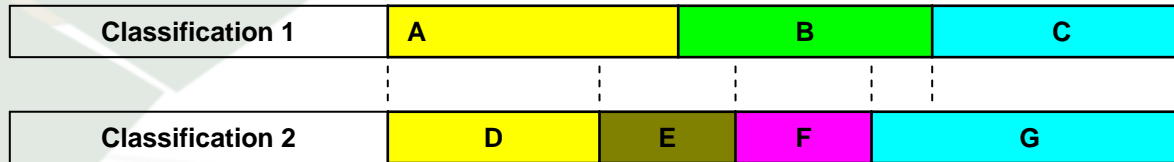
Harmonization of **existing** definitions occurs ***ex post facto***.

Do not confuse with standardization.

Standardization defines a term, ***a priori***, **top down** for all **subsequent** applications.

# Conceptual Processes

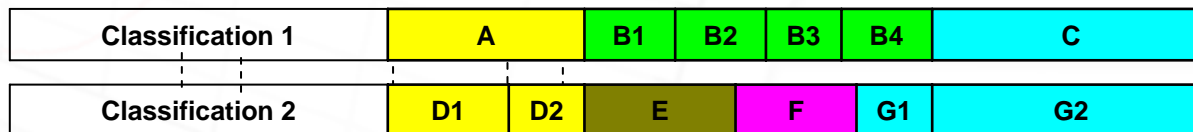
## I. ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATIONS



## II. CLASSIFICATION WITH MODIFIED TRANSITION POINTS BETWEEN CLASSES



## III. SUB-DIVIDED CLASSIFICATIONS



# Organization of Session

Antonio presents the contexts and information on selected country

Step 1: Work in Plenary - all participants use their forest classifications and generate LCCS classes and codes

Step 2: Works in Sub-regional groups – participants try to develop harmonization

Step 3: Work in Plenary – participants try to develop regional harmonization

# Organization of Session

## **Group 1 (East Asia)**

China, Mongolia and Korea

## **Group 2a (Mainly South East Asia)**

Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam

## **Group 2b (Mainly South East Asia)**

Indonesia, Philippines and Myanmar

## **Group 3 (Mainly South Asia)**

Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka

# Thank You

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