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Birth Date/Place	11.08.1965/ Chennai, India	
Professional Experience		
04/2021 – 06/2021	Consultant team leader for Mid-Term Review MoEF-KfW Forest Program III – Central Sulawesi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covering biodiversity conservation, watershed rehabilitation, livelihood improvement and other components. Desktop review, key informant interviews, focus group discussions, data analyses, cross-verification, report and presentations. 	
01/2020 – now	Technical Advisor and Partnership Development Green-Books.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported Green-Books.org on education for sustainability at the grassroots level across Indonesia. Supported the development of innovative eco-education curriculum, strategic planning, partnership development and fundraising. 	
04/2017 – 10/2017	Consultant on forest restoration FAO-RAP, Bangkok <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized/coordinated a workshop on <i>Promoting the role of natural regeneration in large-scale Forest and Landscape Restoration FLR</i>. Commissioned expert & national papers, & prepared a report. Coordinated a session to discuss operationalization of the Regional Strategy and Action Plan on FLR in the Asia-Pacific Region. 	
01/2017 – 04/2017	Senior expert consultant EU Project: Supporting Indonesia's Climate Change Response (SICCR-TAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted document reviews and interviews to update and align provincial (Aceh) and national climate change and REDD+ policies in Indonesia, and bridge experiences and expectations. Prepared a review report with recommendations on next steps and activities relevant to the SICCR-TAC project. 	
09/2016 – 11/2016	International Consultant for Final Project Evaluation DENR-GIZ National REDD+ System Philippines Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted document reviews and interviews at national level. Collaborated on interviews and focus group discussions at provincial level, and in preparation of the final evaluation report. 	
05/2016 – 09/2016	International Consultant FAO-RAP, Bangkok <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted consultations with national partners and thematic experts, and prepared a Regional Strategy and Action Plan for Forest & Landscape Restoration in the Asia-Pacific region. Presented the draft strategy at COFO in Rome in July 2016 and finalized it with incorporation of feedback. The strategy was endorsed and adopted by the member countries at the 27th session 	

	of the Asia Pacific Forestry Commission in October 2017.
03/2016 – 04/2016	Consultant Expert GIZ ASEAN Forestry & Climate Change (FOR-CC) project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping Study on ASEAN progress on forestry and climate change issues, and readiness toward Pre- and Post-2020 Agreements. • Desktop review and interviews with key actors across the ASEAN, to determine common areas for strategic support. • Presented the report at the 13th ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forests and Climate Change meeting in April 2016.
2013 – 2016 May 2016	Resource Person – Forest restoration/climate change FAO RAP, Bangkok <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th Executive Forest Policy Course for senior officials – Sustainable development goals, climate change and the future of Asia-Pacific forests, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
Mar 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th Executive Forest Policy Course for senior officials, Myanmar.
Feb 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECOFTC-FAO panel of 11 experts to discuss COP19 outcomes and implications for policy and practice in the Asia-Pacific region.
Nov 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening presentation at FLR workshop in the Pre-session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission Meeting, New Zealand.
06/2015 – 08/2015	Consultant Expert GIZ ASEAN FOR-CC project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping Study for a new project on <i>Regional experiences on sustainable peatland management</i>. Conducted a desktop review and interviews with key actors in Indonesia and Malaysia.
04/2015 – 08/2015	Consultant Team Leader GIZ National REDD+ System Philippines Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted a desktop review, interviewed key actors and experts, and prepared a draft concept for a REDD+ Benefit Sharing Scheme.
06/2014 – 11/2014	Lead Technical Expert World Bank, Washington DC and Lao PDR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated the piloting of a forest governance assessment and monitoring tool in Lao PDR • Coordinated with government and other stakeholders, conducted interviews, prepared a country background report, adapted the questionnaires, organized a multi-stakeholder workshop • Prepared a final report summarizing findings and an action plan for bringing about high-priority forest governance improvements.
05/2014 – 07/2014	Senior Forest Policy and REDD+ Specialist World Bank Lao PDR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the early start-up activities of the Lao PDR Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) REDD Readiness Program. Mapped technical stakeholders and refined the TOR for the consulting firm.
06/2011 – 05/2014	Various Consultancies for forest law reform GIZ & MAF/MONRE Lao PDR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided coordination and technical support for revision of the forestry law in Lao PDR starting from 2011. • Designed a participatory process, analyzed the legal and institutional framework, coordinated with national consultants, partnered with various agencies, organized numerous stakeholder consultations, compiled key issues and recommendations, presented at government and multi-stakeholder meetings, provided technical expertise at official law revision sessions and helped draft text. Reviewed the latest 2014 draft forest law and prepared a report with

	policy recommendations, including in relation to FLEGT/VPA.
04/2010 – 12/2013	Founder Forest Carbon Asia Regional Knowledge Management Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development, launch and growth of a knowledge platform on forest carbon policies, players and issues across Asia. • Included: In-house feature articles, Thematic pages and information briefs, Country portals and Reference library among others.
06/2011 – 11/2011	Consultant REDD Desk, Global Canopy Programme, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared REDD+ country databases for Sri Lanka and Lao PDR.
08/2010 – 11/2010	Consultant JICA/SIDA and GTZ, Lao PDR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathered and assessed international and domestic regulatory information, and prepared a report <i>Design options for a forest carbon legal framework for Lao PDR</i>.
09/2009 – 12/2009	Forest Carbon Program Manager Ecosystem Marketplace, Washington DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined and implemented program goals and activities, recruited and supervised personnel, oversaw the Forest Carbon Portal, published a newsletter, wrote grant reports and articles. • Co-author of the <i>State of the Forest Carbon Markets 2009 Report</i>.
1999 – 2007	Scientist Center for International Forestry Research, Bogor, Indonesia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of forest rehabilitation initiatives: Lessons from the past - Conceptualized, coordinated and managed a multi-disciplinary project looking at lessons learnt from past projects to rehabilitate degraded forest lands across six countries in Asia and Latin America. • Underlying causes and impacts of fires in Indonesia -Planned and implemented GIS and field-based research looking at the patterns, causes and impacts of fires on two large peatland ecosystems in Kalimantan and Sumatra. Wrote a final synthesis report for a project on underlying causes of fires in Indonesia. Conducted two large multi-stakeholder fire workshops. • Tropical secondary forests in Asia: Reality and perspectives - Implemented and managed a multi-disciplinary project addressing ecological, socio-economic and policy aspects of secondary forests in tropical Asia. Recruited and worked with experts in 12 Asian countries. Organized and held an international workshop. Edited and published all papers in a Special Issue of the Journal of Tropical Forest Science, October 2001.
Education & Training	
2018	Accredited Mediator to International Standards London School of Mediation, UK
2008	Advanced CDM Training Program Carbon Management School, New Delhi
1998	PhD Forestry University of Maine, Orono, USA Doctoral dissertation – “Spatial and temporal patterns and dynamics in old-growth northern hardwood and mixed forests of northern Maine.”
1994	MS Forestry University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
1988	MBA University of Madras, India
1986	Bachelor of Commerce University of Madras, India

Selected Publications

1. Chokkalingam, U., Shono, K., Sarigumba, M.P., Durst, P.B. and Leslie, R. (eds). 2018. Advancing the Role of Natural Regeneration in Large-Scale Forest and Landscape Restoration in the Asia-Pacific Region. FAO-RAP and APFNet. <http://www.fao.org/3/i8392en/l8392EN.pdf>
2. FAO and APFNet. 2018. Asia-Pacific Regional Strategy and Action Plan for Forest and Landscape Restoration to 2030. FAO-RAP & APFNet, IUCN, WRI. <http://www.fao.org/3/i8382en/l8382EN.pdf>
3. U. Chokkalingam and A. Aruan. 2017. [Review and Alignment of Climate Change and REDD+ Policies in Indonesia: National level and Aceh Province](#). EU SICCR-TAC Project, Indonesia.
4. Chokkalingam and Maguigad. 2015. [Towards a Philippine REDD+ Financing & Benefit Sharing Scheme: Options & Operationalization. Policy Brief](#). FMB-GIZ Project "Preparation of a National REDD+ Mechanism for GHG Reduction & Conservation of Biodiversity in the Philippines", Manila.
5. Chokkalingam, U. and Phanvilay, K. 2014. [Forest Governance Assessment for REDD+ implementation in Lao PDR through application of the PROFOR forest governance tool](#). Part I. Background Report. Part II. Findings and recommendations from the multi-stakeholder consultation meeting. FCPF-World Bank and DOF, Lao PDR. <https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/>
6. Katherine Hamilton, Unna Chokkalingam and Maria Bendana. 2010. [State of the Forest Carbon Markets 2009: Taking Root and Branching Out](#). Ecosystem Marketplace, Washington D.C.. 70 p.
7. Unna Chokkalingam, Iwan Kurniawan, Suyanto, Rizki Pandu Permana, Meilanie Buitenzorgy and Robiyanto Hendro Susanto. 2009. [Fire and land use effects on biodiversity in the southern Sumatran wetlands](#). Chapter 13 in: Tropical Fire Ecology: Climate Change, Land Use and Ecosystem Dynamics, edited by Mark A. Cochrane. Springer Praxis Books.
8. U Chokkalingam, Suyanto, R Pandu Permana, Iwan Kurniawan, Josni Mannes, Andy Darmawan, Noviana Khususyiah and RH Susanto. 2007. [Community fire use, resource change and livelihood impacts: The downward spiral in the wetlands of southern Sumatra](#). Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change 12: 75-100.
9. Chokkalingam, U., Zhou Zaizhi, Wang Chunfeng, Toma, T. 2006. [Learning lessons from China's forest rehabilitation efforts](#): national level review and special focus on Guangdong Province. Center for International Forestry Research, Bogor, Indonesia. 159p. (English and Chinese)
10. Chokkalingam, U., Carandang, A.P., Pulhin, J.M., Lasco, R.D., Rose Jane J.P., Toma, T. 2006. [One century of forest rehabilitation in the Philippines](#): Approaches, outcomes and lessons. CIFOR, Bogor, Indonesia. Review of Forest Rehabilitation Initiatives: Lessons from the Past. 132 p.
11. Hope, G., Chokkalingam, U. and Anwar, S. 2005. [The stratigraphy and fire history of the Kutai Peatlands, Kalimantan, Indonesia](#). Quaternary Research 64: 407-417.
12. Chokkalingam, U., Kurniawan, I. and Ruchiyat, Y. 2005. [Fire, livelihoods and environmental degradation in the Middle Mahakam Peatlands](#). Ecology and Society 10 (1): 26.
13. Chokkalingam, U.; de Jong, W.; Smith, J.; Sabogal, C. Editors. 2001. [Secondary forests in Asia: their diversity, importance, and role in future environmental management](#). Journal of Tropical Forest Science Special issue Vol. 13, No. 4. 839p.
14. Chokkalingam, U. 1998. [Spatial and temporal patterns and dynamics in old-growth northern hardwood and mixed forests of northern Maine](#). Doctoral dissertation, University of Maine, USA.