

International Seminar on Challenges of Sustainable Forest Management

-integrating environmental, social and economic values of forests-

on 8-10 March, 2011 in Tokyo Japan

1. Venue

MITA KAIGISHO, 2-1-8, Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

2. Background and objectives

“International Seminar on Challenges of Sustainable Forest Management - integrating environmental, social and economic values of forests –“, a Country-Led Initiative (CLI) in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), will be held on 8-10 March, 2011, in Japan, co-hosted by the Government of Japan and the Government of Indonesia, and co-organized by the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Forest Europe and the Montreal Process, with support from UNFF Secretariat, as a collaborative initiative for the International Year of Forests, 2011.

Since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) took place in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, the global forest community has been engaged in its efforts to advance the sustainable forest management (SFM). Various actions have been undertaken to promote and implement SFM, including the development and implementation of policy tools and instruments such as Criteria & Indicators for SFM (C&I), forest certification, and guidelines addressing specific areas of SFM. Recently, policy tools and instruments to deal with emerging issues, including the mitigation of climate change and conservation of biodiversity as well as installation of forest governance, is also being discussed in the related international fora, such as UNFCCC, CBD, and ITTC. With this background, this seminar will be convened with the following:

- To overview the international trends related to SFM since UNCED, including the discussions on policy tools and instruments for emerging issues such as REDD+ and biodiversity conservation;
- To review the development and implementation of a range of policy tools and instruments introduced for the practice of SFM, and to share experiences and lessons learned; and
- To discuss the challenges and opportunities ahead, and to consider possible future actors advancing SFM and, thereby contributing to the international deliberations on SFM.

This seminar will be convened as a CLI to contribute to the work of the UNFF in its deliberation under the Multi-year programme of work (MYPOW) of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2007-2015.

3. Target audience

This seminar will seek to attract participants who are engaged in the practice of SFM and/or are interested in contributing to activities related to SFM. Participants will include experts and policy makers from countries, international organizations and institutions, C&I processes, research/ academia, NGOs, industry and others. The seminar will be informal in nature, open-ended and be open to members of the international forest community including those in Japan. The number of the expected participants, including audience, is two hundred.

4. Program (tentative; all speakers and facilitators to be confirmed)

The Program of the seminar will consist of three major parts: an opening & introductory session; technical sessions; and concluding session. Optional excursion will be organized for international participants.

Day 1: International Seminar**Opening Session****10:00-10:15**

Title/ contents	Speakers (Facilitators)	Time allocation
Opening remarks by the representatives from the co-hosting countries and ITTO	Representative from Japan Iman Santoso, The Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia Emmanuel ZeMeka, Executive Director, ITTO	5 min/ speaker

Session1: Overview

This session will present the overview of the international trends and discussions on policy tools and instruments related to SFM to provide a platform for the discussion in the subsequent sessions.

10:30-12:00

Title/ contents	Speakers (Facilitator)	Time allocation
Overview of the international trends related to SFM, including discussions on emerging issues.	(Koji Ueda, Forestry Agency Japan)	30 min
Overview of the development and implementation of policy tools and instruments to practice SFM	Mahendra Joshi, UNFF Secretariat	30 min
Discussion	Eva Muller, FAO	30 min

12:00-13:30 (Lunch time)**Session 2: Development and implementation of policy tools and instruments for SFM**

This session will introduce a variety of policy tools and instruments which have been developed and implemented to practice SFM, including typical and/or unique cases of their application. The session consists of three sub-sessions according to the types of tools and instruments.

Sub-session 2-1: Criteria and Indicators (C&I)**13:30-15:30**

Title/ contents	Speakers (Facilitator)	Time allocation
Development and implementation of C&I, and a typical/unique cases in application by;	(Marco A.W. Lentini, Brazil)	20 min/ speaker
- Forest Europe	Malgorzata Buszko-Briggs, Forest Europe Liaison Unit Oslo	
- Application of the Montreal Process Criteria & Indicators at National and Sub-national Scales	Peter Gaulke, USDA Forest Services	
- ATO/ ITTO	Steven Johnson, ITTO	
- Tarapoto Process	Jorge Malleux, ACTO	
- Teheran Process	Mostafa Jafari, TPS for LFCCs	30 min
Discussion		

15:30-16:00 (Refreshment)**Sub-session 2-2 Guidelines****16:00-17:30**

Title/ contents	Speakers (Facilitation)	Time allocation
Development and implementation of guidelines, including typical/ unique cases in application; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest degradation - Biodiversity conservation - Afforestation, Reforestation and Forest governance 	(Agus Sarsito, The Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia) Ian Thompson, Canadian Forest Service Eduardo Mansur, ITTO Eva Muller, FAO	20 min/ speaker
Discussion		30 min

18:00-20:15

Reception hosted by Forestry Agency Japan

Day 2: International Seminar (cont.)**Sub-session 2-3 Forest certification and legality verification****09:30-10:30**

Title/ contents	Speakers (Facilitator)	Time allocation
Development and implementation of sustainability and legal compliance in forest management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development and implementation of certification in tropical forests-challenges and opportunities - Legality verification 	(Peter Gaulke, USDA Forest Services) Markku Simula, University of Helsinki, Finland Vincent van den Berk, European Forest Institute	20 min/ speaker
Discussion		20 min

10:30-10:45 (Refreshment)**Session 3: Challenges and opportunities ahead**

This session will introduce the experiences and lessons learned and the challenges and opportunities recognized through the implementation of projects to practice SFM.

(as of 1 March 2011)

10:45-12:25

Title/contents	Speakers (Facilitator)	Time allocation
Forest Biodiversity and Sustainable Forest Management-Outcome of CBD COP 10 Experiences and lessons in, as well as challenges and opportunities for SFM; - A case in Asia - A case in Africa - A case in South America - C&I for SFM: experiences and lessons in Russia	(Malgorzata Buszko-Briggs, Forest Europe) Johannes Stahl, CBD Secretariat	20 min
	Agus Sarsito, Indonesia Alexander Boamah Asare, Ghana Marco A,W. Lentini, Brasil Maria Palenova, Russia	20 min

12:25-13:30

Lunch time

13:30-14:30

Session 3 continued		
- Private Forest Management through Forest Certification in Hokkaido Region by Sumitomo Forestry Ltd. and its characteristics	Akito Kataoka, Japan	20 min/ sperker
- The case of UNFF Major Groups Initiative -	Lambert Okrah, Canadian Environmental Network	20 min
Discussion		

14:30-14:45 (Refreshment)

Session 4: Discussion and conclusion

This session will provide participants with opportunities to exchange their views from different disciplines and perspectives and to facilitate further communication, collaboration and cooperation among participants. Based on the discussions at sessions, as well as panel discussion, session will be concluded with the adoption of recommendation.

Sub-session 4-1: Panel discussion

14:45-15:45

Panelists	Panelist (Facilitator)	Time allocation
One or two representative speakers from each session of the seminar. The topic of the Panel will be “What are the most pressing challenges facing SFM?”	(Eduardo Mansur, ITTO) Eva Muller, FAO Markku Simula, University of Helsinki	60 min

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	Alexander Boamah Asare, Ghana Lambert Okrah, Canadian Environmental Network Ingwald Gschwandti, Austria Akito Kataoka, Sumitomo Forestry CO., LTD., Japan	
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15:45-16:15 (Refreshment)

Sub-session 4-2: Conclusion

16:15-17:00

Participants	Co-chairs	Time allocation
All participants (oral)	Takeshi Goto, Forestry Agency Japan Agus Sarsito, The Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia	45 min

Closing

17:00-17:30

Title/ contents	Speaker	Time allocation
Closing remark	Representative of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, Japan	30 min

Day 3: Excursion and International Seminar (continued)

Excursion to Urban forests in Meji Zingu in Tokyo metropolitan (Optional)

09:00-12:50

For overseas participants