



**International Seminar on Evaluation of Forest Public Policies**  
**Mexico City**  
**4-5 august 2011**



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## INTRODUCTION

As part of the activities of the International Year of Forest, the National Forestry Agency of Mexico (CONAFOR) will hold with partial financial support of ITTO, an International Seminar on Evaluation of Forest Public Policies, with the objective to meet and distill the main strategies and best practices in the application of public policies within the sector, through the share of lessons learned from experiences of different countries.

The forest resources are a fundamental element in the development of a country, so their conservation, protection and appropriate use, through sustainable forest development are a priority to achieve environmental sustainability. The conservation of the natural resources can only be seen through the mirror of sustainable use, as a way to raise attention to the current and future needs.

Forest policy in the international environment has evolved from a logic of exploitation and trade, to a more balanced approach with conservation tools based on the demarcation of protected areas, towards a vision that considers multiple factors that are becoming more relevant, such as relationship of forest and climate change, combating the effects of drought and desertification, conserving biodiversity, maintaining hydrological cycles, fighting against poverty, community forestry, market transparency, and governance.

In Mexico, the Institutional Program 2007- 2012 compiles the forest policy of this administration, in a comprehensive, complementary and consistent manner with the vision expected for Mexico on sound forest management. Sustainable Forestry Development today more than ever, is the road followed to harmonized life and nature with development and modernity now promoted.

## OBJECTIVE

The seminar will aim to publicize and disseminate strategies and results in this forest assessment and public policy through the exchange of experiences and results observed in other countries.

The seminar will serve as a platform to bring together the lessons learned from other national and international contexts and facilitate the exchange of experiences. Participation is expected from various sectors: environmental public service sector, civil society, foresters, farmers, forest industry, representatives of federal agencies, representatives of ANAA, Legislators, universities, research centers, professional foresters, among others.

## MECHANICS OF THE SEMINAR

High Level keynote speakers will participate, including ITTO, FAO, CIFOR, World Bank, CONEVAL, in addition to international and national experts in the field, including official offices of the environmental sector.



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In addition to the keynotes speakers, 4 panels will be held on the following topics:

- Forest Development
- Environmental Services
- Forest Restoration
- Protection against Forest fires

The exchange of experiences will be use for up-dating Mexico's Strategic Forest Plan 2025.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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