

**22ND MEETING OF THE MONTRÉAL PROCESS WORKING GROUP AND
JOINT WORKSHOP OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL CRITERIA AND INDICATORS
PROCESSES**

Victoria, Canada – October 17-21, 2011

In October 2011, representatives of the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO), the Montréal Process, and Forest Europe will meet in Victoria, Canada for a special joint workshop of criteria and indicators (C&I) processes. This workshop will be held in conjunction with the [22nd Meeting of the Montréal Process Working Group](#) (MPWG) on Criteria and Indicators for the Conservation and Sustainable Management of Temperate and Boreal Forests. The theme of the event will be: “Preparing for the Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development”.

Together, these three international C&I processes represent countries that hold more than 90% of the world’s temperate and boreal forests, and 80% of the world’s tropical forests. While these organisations typically work independently on criteria and indicators for their respective forest types, they also have a history of sharing and collaboration.

The purpose of the joint workshop will be to review the evolution, output and directions of the three C&I processes, to examine how C&I can help countries deal with emerging forest issues, to explore possibilities for future collaboration, and to streamline global forest reporting. Strategic outcomes of the workshop will be to strengthen collaboration among the three international C&I processes and explore options for joint statements on sustainable forest management on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Earth Summit (“[Rio+20](#)”).

Attendance at the event will be by invitation only. Altogether, about 50 participants are expected to attend, including representatives from the [Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations \(FAO\)](#), other UN bodies, and other international C&I processes.

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