



XXIV IUFRO World Congress 5-11 October 2014, Salt Lake City, USA

“Tropical Forests, connecting the World through Sustainability”

ITTO-IUFRO Joint Side Event

Time: 12:00-13:00

Date: 09 October 2014

Venue: Room 250 A

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Jointly organized by:

**International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and
International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)**

Background and objectives

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) have been collaborating on the conservation and sustainable use of tropical forests in developing countries, through the dissemination and utilization of scientific information regarding the results/findings of research on tropical forests. Over the past years, ITTO and IUFRO have joined their efforts to support the Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) and to expand it in ITTO member countries, mainly in Africa.

Besides strengthening the capacity of forest research institutions, in developing countries, in effectively disseminating forest-related information, it is also important to promote the creation of new scientific knowledge through networking and closer cooperation among forest scientists and institutions. Towards this end, ITTO and IUFRO are working with the Forestry Research Network for Sub-Saharan Africa (FORNESSA) for the dissemination of scientific information for enhancing the interactions between the forest science community and various forest stakeholders (policy makers, forest communities, forest managers, etc.).

In September 2007, the two organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in order to formalize their cooperation on tropical forest-related issues in developing countries. The Twenty-fourth IUFRO World Congress, to be convened in Salt Lake City, USA, on 5-11 October 2014 will provide a good opportunity for ITTO and IUFRO to demonstrate their efforts of cooperation by jointly holding of a side event titled: *“Tropical forests, connecting the world through sustainability”*, which intends to mainly achieve the following goals:

- to strengthen the relations and facilitate further collaboration and joint activities between ITTO and IUFRO under the MoU signed by both Organizations; and



- to share, through interactive panel discussion, experiences and lessons learned from the field activities which ITTO and IUFRO have implemented to promote the sustainable management of tropical forests in member countries.

Tentative programme

In addition to a special section devoted for the ITTO-IUFRO-FORNESSA Activity-project in West Africa, a presentation on knowledge management will be made by ITTO, as scheduled in the following tentative programme:

12:00-12:05 (5 min.)	Opening remarks
	Dr. Su See LEE, Vice-President, IUFRO
12:05-12:15 (10 min.)	Presentation on the outline of the ITTO/IUFRO/FORNESSA REDDES Project implemented in Cameroon, Ghana, Liberia and Nigeria
	Dr. Ernest FOLI, FORIG, Ghana
12:15-12:45 (30 min.)	① A panel discussion in which 2-3 key questions will be asked by the moderator and answered by the panelists to share lessons learned, challenges faced and opportunities recognized by the scientists involved in the implementation of the ITTO/IUFRO/FORNESSA REDDES Project
	② Questions and answers
	Panelists: Dr. Ernest FOLI, FORIG, Ghana Dr. Louis Bernard CHETEU, IRAD, Cameroon Dr. Olajide ADEJOBA, FRIN, Nigeria Moderator: Dr. Michael KLEINE, Deputy Executive Director, IUFRO
12:45-12:55 (10 min.)	① Demonstration of the ITTO project search, an information system to share knowledge accumulated through the implementation of ITTO projects
	② Questions and answers
	Mr. Ramon CARRILLO, Outreach and Communication Officer, ITTO
12:55-13:00 (5 min.)	Closing remarks
	Mr. Emmanuel ZE MEKA, Executive Director, ITTO

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