



The ITTO-FAO-APFNet Regional Statistical Workshop

BACKGROUND:

ITTO and FAO would like to organize a Joint Regional Workshop on Forest Statistics in collaboration with APFNet in September 2014 in Kunming (Yunnan Province). Statistical regional workshop aims are to provide assistance to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and improve reporting. It is part of the Activity 34 of the ITTO biennial work programme 2013-2014, which goal is to enhance the statistical capacity of member countries.

OBJECTIVES:

There are three objectives for organizing the workshop in Yunnan:

1. Strengthening data collection on forest wood products production in the participating countries.
2. Reducing statistical trade discrepancies of primary wood forest products between China and its closest neighboring countries in this region (Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam).
3. Enhance cooperation between China and its closest neighbors on primary wood forest products trade statistical reporting.

VENUE: Kunming, Yunnan Province, China

TIMING: Tentative Date: 17-19 September 2014

CO-ORGANIZERS:

Jointly organized by ITTO, FAO and APFNet and will be hosted by APFNet.

PARTICIPANTS:

We will be inviting 2 officials from each participating countries (Cambodia, China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam). Ideally, there will be one official from the Forestry department and one customs official from these countries. We also would like to invite at least one representative from the Chinese Academy of Forestry. In total, there should be around 13 participants (this figure does not include ITTO, FAO, APFnet and the Yunnan local authorities representatives) to be invited to the workshop.



TENTATIVE PROGRAMME:

First day:

Morning: presentation of ITTO, FAO and APFNet. Presentation of the statistical compilation of forest products data through the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ).

Afternoon: Presentation of the forest sector and of the compilation, processing and recording of forest products data in the participating countries.

Second day:

Morning: Cont'd presentations.

Afternoon: group discussions for resolving discrepancies and improving cooperation and data exchange between countries.

Third day:

Field trip (to be decided).

LANGUAGES:

The working languages of the workshop will be English. Arrangements can be made later if further interpretation/translation in Chinese is needed.