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IUFRO All Division 5 Conference 2023 4-8 June, Cairns, Australia

The IUFRO All Division 5 (Forest Products) 2023 Conference will be held at the Cairns Convention Centre, 4 - 8 June 2023 with the theme *"The Forest Treasure Chest: Delivering Outcomes for Everyone"*. The previous conference was held in 2017 in Vancouver, Canada 5 years ago in which more than 800 delegates from different countries participated.

Abstract submission for the conference is now open ! All Abstracts are to be submitted online on or before

8 August 2022

Teak Session in IUFRO All Division 5 Conference

IUFRO Teakwood Working Party (Div 5.06.02) is organising a 2 hr session during this conference in collaboration with TEAKNET- India and ITTO, Japan. The Teak Session is coming under \$13 as shown in the Conference Website <u>https://www.iufro-div5-2023.com/copy-of-call-for-session-proposals</u>

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Session Description

Teak (*Tectona grandis* L.f.) is the most common priority species for industries and planted forest in Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Oceania. The high demanding teak timber is traded across the world because of its unique aesthetic properties of golden brown color, medium density and strength, ease of workability, high durability and decay resistance to invading fungi and insects. As per the latest reports of ITTO, the COVID-19 pandemic on wood products production, consumption and trade has caused major disruptions in the global economy to an estimated contraction of 3.3 percent in 2020 and in the second half, the global financial situation improved after ease of lifting the lockdown in many countries and is expected to grow by 6% in 2021-22. Global trade in teak roundwood is over 1.02 million cubic meters annually dominated by India, China and Thailand followed by marginal volume by Vietnam. Of the managed teak plantations in about 70 countries, it is certain that in future, world's supply of teakwood will come from short rotation plantations of 15-25 yrs and other proportions from commercial thinnings. This session will examine promoting value chains for teak timber products through value-added product development, establishment of incentive mechanisms to promote legal and sustainable teak supply chains and investment for teak forests. Other areas of interest include genetically improved planting material for quality timber production, application and adoption of enhanced processing technologies. appropriate trading policies and standards, scaling up international cooperation, partnerships and networking to promote the contributions of sustainable teakwood products in addressing climate change and SDG's.