



Convention on
Biological Diversity

Regional Forest Cooperation– Reaching the 2010 Biodiversity Target and the UNFF Global Objectives on Forests by 2015

*Tuesday, 19 February 2008, 13:15 – 15:00, FAO Headquarters¹ ("Red Room")
- Lunch will be provided -*

Regional cooperation can be a successful vehicle for progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target, and for the achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests by 2015. This side event aims to identify challenges and opportunities for improving the linkages between the international policy agenda and relevant regional processes and initiatives for the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity.

Participants are invited to discuss and share information on lessons learnt from the integration of biodiversity aspects (as stated in e.g. CBD forest programme of work; and UNFF Global Objectives on Forests) into regional processes and initiatives and specifically highlight needs of support for regional cooperation, including in terms of support from CPF members.

13:15 – 13:30 Opening remarks:

- Alexander Müller, Assistant Director-General, FAO Natural Resources Management and Environment Department
- Catalina Santamaria, UNFF Secretariat
- Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

13:30 – 14:30 Keynote presentations from regional organizations²:

- José Antonio Prado (FAO) "Regional Forestry Commissions and forest biodiversity"
- Danilo Saravia (CCAD) "Integrating Forest Biodiversity Considerations into Regional Cooperation – lessons learnt from Meso-America"
- Herbert Christ (GtZ / PFBC) "Integrating Forest Biodiversity Considerations into Regional Cooperation – lessons learnt from Central Africa"

14:30 – 15:00 Moderated panel discussion with CPF members

The side event participants would have an opportunity for a dialogue and Question & Answer session with representatives of FAO, CIFOR, UNFF Secretariat, IUCN, UNFCCC Secretariat, CBD Secretariat, and other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), the MCPFE Liaison Unit, and the presenters.

Moderator: Tim Christophersen, CBD Secretariat

¹ This side event will be held during the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), to be held from 18-22 February at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.

² Other regional processes and initiatives are cordially invited to contribute to the dialogue following the keynote presentations.