

UNFF News

Highlights

- Informal consultations on Friday 1 March, New York
- Multi-stakeholder dialogue on Wednesday 6 March
- Two CPF meetings during UNFF 2
- CPF Network meeting Thursday 7 March during lunch break
- Side event schedule is confirmed

Informal Newsletter from the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests

Final preparations for UNFF 2

The second session of the UNFF is just around the corner. The session will take place at UN Headquarters in New York, 4-15 March. Due to the change of venue of the session, which was originally scheduled to take place in San José, Costa Rica, there have been some recent changes in the organization of the session. These changes include: re-scheduling the informal consultations on the ad hoc expert groups to Friday 1 March; and moving the multi-stakeholder dialogue to Wednesday 6 March.

However, the ministerial segment will still be held on 13-14 March. On 13 March a policy dialogue will take place between Ministers and heads of member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). To facilitate the discussion during the

ministerial segment the UNFF Secretariat has prepared a background package, which include non-papers for the four critical issues identified for the discussion. These background package has been sent to the Permanent Missions to the UN, as well as posted on the UNFF website.

During UNFF 2, CPF will meet twice, on 3 March and 9 March. Furthermore a CPF Network meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7 March 1.15 pm in the Millennium Hotel. Also, on Thursday 7 March Mr. El-Lakany, Chairman of CPF will present the CPF's *Framework to Support the Work of the UNFF*. This document will be available in English, French and Spanish during UNFF 2.

Multi-stakeholder dialogue at UNFF 2

The multi-stakeholder dialogue (MSD) will take place on Wednesday 6 March, in conference room 1 at UN Headquarters. Major Groups and government delegations are encouraged to actively participate.

The UNFF Secretariat has received background papers (from the scientific community and private forest owners) that will be made available at the MSD. The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) analyzed strategies for the rehabilitation and restoration of degraded lands and puts forward possible solutions to these issues. IUFRO, through its Silva Voc Project, believes that its Silva Term multilingual database can aid in consolidating globally coordinated forest research.

The private forest owners believe that the basis for sustainable forest management and the protection of forest ecosystems is secure land tenure rights. Widespread private forest ownership should be regarded as

a factor in strengthening economic viability and diversity in rural areas. Private forest owners are represented during UNFF 2 by the Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF), the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners (NBFWO) and the American Tree Farm System (ATFS).

The theme for the MSD is "review of progress in the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action". However, it is understood that the review of progress will be in the context on the elements of the second session of the Forum.

The MSD will consist of a short presentation of the background papers followed by an open dialogue. The dialogue will be moderated by Mr. Knut Øistad of Norway, Chairman-elect for UNFF 2. The outcome of the MSD will be a Chairman's summary, which will be included in the final report of the Forum on its second session.

Side Events during UNFF 2

FIRST WEEK

Mon 4 March

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm
Room B

Forest Landscape Restoration - Conclusions and Recommendations from the International Expert Meeting in Costa Rica. (IUCN, WWF, UK-DFID, UNEP, CIFOR, ITTO, CCAD).

Tue 5 March

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Conference Room 5

Implementing the IPF/IFF Proposals for Action: Fostering their Assessment and the Identification of Action (UNDP, PROFOR)

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm
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Evaluating the Implementation of IPF and IFF Proposals for Action & how to approach it: Experiences in Austria and the European Community. (Austria/EC)

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm
Conference Room 1

Trading away the Ancient Forests. (Greenpeace)

Wed 6 March

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Conference Room 1

MAR in the UNFF on Progress towards SFM. Outcome of the International Meeting held in Yokohama, Japan, 5-8 Nov. 2001. (Japan)

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm
Conference Room 1

Forest Resources Assessments: The Way Forward. (FAO)

Thur 7 March

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Millennium Hotel, One United Nations Plaza, Dag Hammarskjöld Room
CPF Network (CPF)

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm
Room B

Tehran Process Strategy and Plan of Action to Implement the IPF/IFF Proposals For Action in LFCC. (LFCC Secretariat)

Fri 8 March

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Room B

Forestry and WTO. (WTO)

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Conference Room 1

Forest Terminology & Definitions: Ongoing Activities by IUFRO, FAO and CIFOR (IUFRO, CIFOR, FAO)

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

Room B

Promoting the Children's Forest Program (OISCA)

SECOND WEEK

Mon 11 March

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Conference Room 1

Creating a Forest to Inspire Environmental, Social and Economic Regeneration. (UK Forestry Commission and the National Forest Co.)

Tue 12 March

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Conference Room 1

Briefing from the GEF sponsored Forest Roundtable (GEF Sec.)

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

Conference Room 1

Forests, Source of Life: The XIIIth World Forestry Congress (Canadian Forest Service)

Wed 13 March

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Conference Room 1

PROFOR / NFP Facility support to national forest programs (PROFOR and NFP-Facility)

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

Conference Room 1

Manejo Comunitario de los Bosques en Centroamerica (ACICAFOC)

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

Room B

Bringing Forest to the Mainstream Economy: Institutional Frameworks and Economic Instruments to Reduce Deforestation. Costa Rica 1991 – 2001. (FUNDECOR)

Thur 14 March

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Conference Room 1

MCPFE and UNFF - Approaching the 4th Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe in 2003 (MCPFE Liaison Unit Vienna)

Upcoming Meetings

UNFF

4–15 March 2002. New York, USA.
2nd session of the UNFF, including High-level Ministerial Segment.

CPF

3 March 2002. New York, USA.
6th meeting of the CPF.

7 March 2002. CPF Network meeting.
Millennium Hotel, One UN Plaza.

9 March 2002. New York, USA.
7th meeting of the CPF.

Other

27 Feb–2 March 2002. San José, Costa Rica. Building Assets for People and Nature: International Expert Meeting on Forest Landscape Restoration. Sponsored by IUCN, WWF, ITTO and a number of governments. Contact: Dagmar Timmer, IUCN, forests@iucn.org and/or Stephanie Mansourian, WWF-International, smansourian@wwfint.org

For more information regarding upcoming forest-related meetings visit UNFF's website and view Calendar of Events: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm>

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