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ASIA-PACIFIC FORESTRY COMMISSION

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

Rotorua, New Zealand, 5-8 November 2013

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Sunday, 3 November 2013

0900-1700 – Pre-session workshops and seminars (venue: Millennium Hotel, Rotorua).
Details to be confirmed.

Monday, 4 November 2013

0900-1700 – Pre-session workshops and seminars (venue: Rotorua Energy Events
Centre). Details to be confirmed.

1600-1900 – Registration for the 25th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission
at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre.

Tuesday, 5 November 2013 25th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC)

0800-0900 – Registration at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre.

0900-1030 – Opening ceremony
Powhiri, introductory and welcome addresses.

1030-1100 – **Item 1:** Adoption of the agenda (Document: FO:APFC/2013/1)
– **Item 2:** Election of officers
Nomination and election of chairperson, vice-chairpersons and rapporteur.

- 1100-1200 – **Item 3:** APFC session theme: “Forests for prosperity”
A keynote address on the session theme “Forests for prosperity” will be followed by opportunity for Commission members to briefly contribute their perspectives on “Forests for prosperity”, including the opportunities and challenges relating to this theme in the Asia-Pacific region. (Document: FO:APFC/2013/2)
- 1330-1430 – **Item 4:** Forest financing: investing for prosperity
A brief presentation by the Secretariat will outline key developments in forest financing and opportunities for financing to contribute to developing prosperity. Members will be invited to share recent experiences with forest financing and identify new and emerging opportunities for forest financing in Asia and the Pacific. (Document: FO:APFC/2013/3)
- 1430-1530 – **Item 5:** Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT): emerging legality restrictions and responses
A brief presentation by the Secretariat will outline key developments in FLEGT including emerging legality restrictions in key wood products markets. Commission members will share experiences in dealing with FLEGT including highlighting tangible measures taken to adapt to new trading regimes in the forestry sector. (Document: FO:APFC/2013/4)
A specific sub-item for the information of the Commission and brief discussion will also be presented:
 - Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forestry (Document: FO:APFC/2013/5)
- 1600-1730 – **Item 6:** State of forestry in the Asia-Pacific region
In their State of Forestry interventions, Commission members are invited to update the Commission on recent developments in their countries with particular reference to the session theme “Forests for prosperity”. (Document: FO:APFC/2013/6)
- 1900-2100 – Reception hosted by the Government of New Zealand and FAO
- Wednesday, 6 November 2013**
- 0900-1030 – **Item 7:** In-session seminar: Building resilience in forests, landscapes and communities
A special in-session seminar will include a series of short presentations on the emerging topic of building resilience. Presenters will also serve as panelists in an open discussion, in which Commission members are invited to discuss potential developments and share their experiences in relation to building resilience in forests, landscapes and communities. (Document: FO:APFC/2013/7)

- 1100-1200 – **Item 8: Progress in implementing APFC- and FAO-supported activities in the region**
 A brief presentation by the Secretariat will outline progress made on recommendations from the 24th Session of APFC and other activities in the region. The ensuing discussion will provide direction for future activities and provide suggestions for how communication between sessions can be strengthened. (Document: FO:APFC/2013/8)
- 1330-1500 – **Item 9: Heads of Forestry Dialogue: Policies to support wood processing development**
 In a “less formal” facilitated discussion, Heads of national delegations are invited to share their experiences and key challenges faced in relation to developing policies that support development of domestic wood processing capacity. (Document: FO:APFC/2013/9)
- 1530-1700 – **Item 10: Forests and climate change: pathway to prosperity?**
 Globally, the climate change issue has put forestry in the spotlight. However, while there has been much discussion and anticipation of climate change related financing of forestry, for many countries the reality has fallen short of expectations. Meanwhile, a changing climate is likely to damage forest ecosystems and dependent communities. Members are invited to consider the implications of climate change on the forestry sector, in particular with regards to forestry-dependent communities, and how to best prepare and adapt to such changes. (Document: FO:APFC/2013/10)
- 1700-1730 – **Item 11: Strategic developments in FAO and the UN**
 A variety of short papers dealing with strategic issues in FAO will be presented for the information of Commission members and for brief discussion, comment and/or advice.
- Strategic evaluation of FAO's role and work in forestry: Management Response
 (Document: FO:APFC/2013/11)
 - The new strategic framework for FAO
 (Document: FO:APFC/2013/12)
 - The UN development agenda beyond 2015: sustainable development goals
 (Document: FO:APFC/2013/13)
- 1745-1900 **Speed Geeking**: the “Speed Geeking” participation process will be used to view a number of organizational presentations on activities and programmes within a fixed period of time.
- Thursday, 7 November 2013** **Field trip**

**Friday, 8 November
2013**

0900-1000

– **Item 12:** Tools for sustainable forest management

Three short items relating to tools developed within FAO to support sustainable forest management will be presented. Commission members are invited to briefly discuss and/or provide advice and feedback.

- Sustainable forest management (SFM) toolbox

(Document: FO:APFC/2013/14)

- Voluntary Guidelines on National Forest Monitoring

(Document: FO:APFC/2013/15)

- Shaping the FAO Fire Management Umbrella Programme, managing wildfire-related risks at the landscape level and improving inter-agency coordination

(Document: FO:APFC/2013/16)

1000-1030

– **Item 13:** Forests and food security. follow-up to the conclusions of the International Conference

Commission members are invited to give guidance regarding the implementation of the Conference recommendations. (Document: FO:APFC/2013/17)

– **Item 14:** Preparations for the XIV World Forestry Congress

Commission members are invited to provide input to shaping the focus and agenda of the WFC.

(Document: FO:APFC/2013/18)

1100-1125

Item 15: Regional issues identified by the Commission for the attention of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) and the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC)

Discussion and agreement on key policy and technical issues for Asia-Pacific forestry to be referred to the 22nd session of COFO in September 2014 and to the 32nd FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC) in March 2014. (Document: FO:APFC/2013/19)

1125-1145

– **Item 16:** Other business

Discussion of any other matters that members wish to bring to the attention of the Commission.

- Report of the Asia-Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN)

- Report of the Asia-Pacific Forest Policy Think Tank

- Report of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Communications Network

1145-1200

– **Item 17:** Date and place of the next session

Offers to host the 26th Session of APFC in 2015 will be welcomed.

1300-1430	<u>Side event: Implementing the Forest Instrument: Experiences from pilot countries</u>
1500-1630	– Item 18: <u>Adoption of the report</u> Review and adoption of the draft report of the 25 th Session of APFC.
1630-1700	Closing of the 25 th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission