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XIV World Forestry Congress

Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable Future

7-11 SEPTEMBER 2015 Durban | South Africa

International Forests & Water Dialogue

From research to action: Integrating forest, tree and water interactions into policy, science, economics and forest practices

Special event: 8-9 September 2015

This two-day special event will see the finalization and launch of the Five-year Forests and Water Action Plan. Calling for action in the areas of science, policy, economics and practices for forests and water, the Plan was drafted over the last two years by an expert group and partner organizations from around the world.

Our objectives

The event will propose tangible solutions.

- Increase international research on forest–water interactions in different contexts.
- Promote cross-sectorial institutional mechanisms and adoption of forest–water policies.
- Support the integration of forest–water relations in forest management practices.
- Advance the Forests and Water Agenda, and consolidate a network of committed partners.
- Launch the Five-year Forests and Water Action Plan.

Why forests and water?

Forests use water, but they also provide water.

Forests and trees regulate surface and groundwater flows; maintain high water quality; help reduce water-related risks, such as landslides, floods and droughts; and contribute to the prevention of desertification and salinization.

- One in six people do not have access to safe drinking water.
- 80% of the global population lives in areas where water resources are insecure.
- More than 1/3 of the world's major cities rely on drinking water from forested areas.
- While demand for fresh water is rising, supply is growing scarcer.

Who can attend?

Any registered XIV World Forestry Congress participant interested in the forest/tree and water topic.

Please indicate your interest during registration:

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Tuesday 8 September 2015		Wednesday 9 September 2015	
10:00	Introduction to the “International Forests and Water Dialogue” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomvula Mokonyane, <i>Minister of Water and Sanitation, South Africa</i> Mike Wingfield, <i>IUFRO President</i> 	10:00	Forests and Water in Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maharaj Muthoo, <i>INBAR Chair of the Board of Trustees</i> Thomas Hofer, <i>FAO</i>
10:45	Discover Forests and Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irena F. Creed, <i>Western University, Canada</i> David Ellison, <i>Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences</i> Richard Harper, <i>Murdoch University, Australia</i> 	10:45	Forests and Water Network Governance Discussion Groups <p>Discuss the expectations on a governance network: How would you like to benefit from the Network? What support would be useful to advocate to policymakers? How could members contribute?</p>
12:00	<i>Break</i>	13:00	<i>Break</i>
12:45	Speed-geeking <p>Rapid-fire presentations on the latest research on forests and water. Get the answers to all your science questions during a discussion period.</p>	14:00	From Discourse to Action <p>Presentation, launch and endorsement of the Five-year Forests and Water Action Plan.</p>
14:15	Forests and Water in Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philip Dobie, <i>World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)</i> Ato Sileshi, <i>Ethiopian State Minister of Agriculture</i> 	15:00	<i>Break</i>
15:35 to 17:30	World Café <p>Visit case studies from around the world. Discover best practices and lessons learned and share your forest-water experiences.</p>	15:30 to 17:00	Dialogue in Review <p>Journalist Debora Patta moderates the review panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hans Friederich, <i>INBAR Director General</i> Anders Malmer, <i>SLU Global Director</i> Irena F. Creed, <i>Western University, Canada</i> Tatenda Mapeto, <i>IFSA</i> Thomas Hofer, <i>FAO</i> Tony Simons, <i>World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) Director General</i> Lotta Samuelson, <i>Stockholm International Water Institute</i> Richard Harper, <i>Murdoch University, Australia</i>

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