

Working Group on Networking

Asia – Pacific Region

Countries represented:

New Zealand, Indonesia, Myanmar, Vietnam, China, Philippines, Iraq, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Australia, India

Network:

- Closely linked group of people
- Formal hub (Rome, Bangkok?)
- Website (FRA 2010 – Asia-Pacific)

1. Who should be members of NC network?

NCs

If NCs want, additional person(s) can be included

2 Main benefits?

Assist in building capacity through sharing experiences and exchange of information,

Improve overall quality and reliability of forest information

Helping to improve future FRA reports and SFM

3 Other regional initiatives?

ASEAN

South Pacific Community Network

TEAKNET

MAR (potential)

4 Other networks?

INBAR (for Bamboo and Rattans)
ITTO EU FAO Joint Forest Sector
Questionnaire (JFSQ)

- recognising the relevance of both FRA and the JFSQ in providing forest related information from countries to international organisations
- RECOMMEND that FAO or ITTO share the contact details of FRA NCs to relevant JFSQ respondents to improve communication and collaboration.
- RECOMMEND that ITTO inform the FRA NC's when the JFSQ is sent out so that latest forest information can be included and so that the FRA correspondent receives the latest forest trade statistics.

5 What NCs can do?

Try to maintain good internet infrastructure,
at least in offices, despite power failures

Be more communicative

Keep focal person in FAO proactive

6 How can FAO help?

- Noting that the focal point for FRA Asia-Pacific has moved onto other duties
- RECOMMEND that FAO appoint a replacement AP focal point, with in Rome FRA team, or preferably in Bangkok.
- FAO should extract regional report from GFRA 2005 and put on network of NCs

7 How can other org benefit?

They can visit "FRA 2010 Asia-Pacific" website, communicate

8 Reporting burden?

Networking does not create any
additional reporting burden

9 What next?

Formalise network Hub

Refresher Global Meeting of NCs at Rome

Time Table for reporting for FRA 2010