



18th Session of COFO

Forest Health

Tuesday, 13 March 2007

14.30 – 16.00

Green Room

Presenters:

- Representatives from:
 - the Asia-Pacific Forestry Invasive Species Network
 - the Forest Invasive Species Network for Africa
 - the International Union of Forestry Research Organization: WG on invasive species
 - the International Forest Quarantine Research Group
 - the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention
 - Bioversity International

Objectives:

Inform participants of the standards, networks and partners involved in preventing the transboundary movement of pests as well as in suppressing and managing outbreaks of insects, diseases, and invasive woody plants in the forestry sector.

Identify key actions and partnerships to enhance international cooperation in forest health management.

Content:

- The meeting will present information on agreed standards and reporting obligations related to preventing the transboundary movement of pests under the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). Discussions will address the need for national and international action, including the establishment of partnerships, to strengthen the capacity of countries to discharge their responsibilities and fulfil IPPC reporting requirements relevant to forestry.
- Given the importance of networking and information exchange on invasive species at multiple levels, the meeting will consider ways to improve linkages and communication within and among networks and international partners. It will also explore the need to build upon and expand existing arrangements.
- Presentations will describe the structure under which networks operate, highlighting objectives, key activities, constraints and benefits. Discussions will focus on the Asia-Pacific Forestry Invasive Species Network (APFISN), the Forest Invasive Species Network for Africa (FISNA), and those under development for South Cone countries and Near East countries; working groups of the International Union of Forestry Research Organization (IUFRO) and the North American Forest Commission (NAFC); and the International Forest Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG).

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- Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish

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