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Side Event

Working Together through Formal and Informal Invasive Species Networks
*Improving Invasive Species Management via Coordination
of the FAO Regional Forestry Commissions
Invasive Species Committees*

Tuesday 20 October, 14.30-18.00

Blue Pavilion, Lenga Room

Purpose: To reduce the spread of invasive species by building stronger collaborative networks, and sharing information on activities of the FAO Regional Commissions, the IPPC, and other invasive species networks

Agenda: 3.5 hours with a 30 minute interval

Welcome and Introduction: Chair, Mr Jose Antonio Prado, Director, Forest Management Division, FAO

Session 1, Presentations: Coordinators or their representatives of the five regional forest invasive species networks or subcommittees

- **Africa :** Forest Invasive Species Network for Africa (FISNA) <http://www.fao.org/forestry/25470/>
 - Professor Seif Saidi Madoffe, Sokoine University, Tanzania
- **Asia- Pacific:** Asia-Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN) <http://www.fao.org/forestry/35067/> and www.apfisin.net
 - Dr K V Sankaran, Director, Kerala Forest Research Institute, India
- **Near East:** Near East Network for Forest Health and Invasive species (NENFHIS) <http://www.fao.org/forestry/51295>
 - Mr Samir Belhaj Salah, Deputy Director Forest Protection, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Division of Forests
- **North America:** The Forest Insects and Disease Working Group, the North American Forest Commission (NAFC). <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/nafc/insects/aboutus.htm>
 - Mr Borys Tkacz, National Program Manager, Forest Health Monitoring, United States Forest Service
- **South Cone Countries of South America:** Red de Países del Cono Sur sobre Especies Exóticas Invasoras a Ambientes Forestales <http://www.fao.org/forestry/52502/>
 - Ms Damiana Mann, Planning Manager, Instituto Forestal Nacional (INFONA)

General discussion and questions

Break

Session 2, Chair, Mr Borys Tkacz, National Program Manager, Forest Health Monitoring, United States Forest Service

Presentation

- **The IPPC and Guidance on International Standards to Protect Forests:**
 - Ms Gillian Allard, Forestry Officer (Forest Protection and Health), FAO

Opportunities for collaboration and where do we go from here: discussion led by the Session chair

Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish and English will be provided.