

APFW 2011 | Beijing, China 7 - 11 November 2011

Champions of Asia-Pacific Forests

Background The Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2011 (APFW 2011) will provide a unique opportunity for key policy makers, heads of forestry, private sector and civil society representatives and researchers to discuss how best to meet the exciting new challenges and opportunities facing forestry in the region. A large number of participants will attend the five days (7-11 November) of events in Beijing, China.

Using APFW 2011 as a platform for building forestry awareness and to give attention to outstanding achievements related to sustainable forest management, FAO is launching the "Champions of Asia-Pacific Forests" initiative.

Eligibility Champions must be nationals of an Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission member country: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/33587/en/>.

Selection criteria In selecting Champions to be recognized, the jury panel will emphasize the following aspects:

- 1) Inspirational value of the achievements of the nominee (and how these can prompt other individuals or organizations to perform similar deeds);
- 2) The results of the nominee's efforts and achievements has benefitted (or holds potential to benefit) poverty alleviation and the rights of the poor and marginalized; and
- 3) Background, geographic representation and gender to ensure a balanced selection of "Champions".

Prize Two outstanding Champions of Asia-Pacific Forests will be selected and costs related to participating in the APFW 2011 will be covered (economy air ticket and standard accommodation). In addition, the winners will receive special recognition during APFW 2011.

Timeframe Closing date: 30 September 2011

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