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## COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

### EIGHTEENTH SESSION

Rome, Italy, 13-16 March 2007

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED TIMETABLE

Delegates are kindly invited to note that the timetable for the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) plenary sessions addressing Agenda Items 1 to 14 is listed in the main section of the present document, Provisional Annotated Timetable COFO 2007/Inf.1.

Details on all forum and dialogue events on key forest issues, information sessions and other meetings, from Sunday, 11 March until Friday, 16 March inclusive, are listed in Annex I of this document.

#### Tuesday, 13 March, morning – Red Room, Building A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Plenary Session

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| 08.30 - 10.00 | Registration of Participants ( <b>Turkish Registration Centre – Building A, Main Entrance</b> )  |
| 09.30 - 12.30 | <p>Item 1: Opening of the Session<br/>Welcoming Remarks by the Deputy Director-General</p> <p>Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda<br/>(document COFO 2007/2)</p> <p>Item 3: Election of Officers and Designation of the Drafting Committee<br/>in accordance with the Rules of Procedure</p> <p>Item 4: State of the World's Forests 2007</p> |

The new edition of the *State of the World's Forests 2007 (SOFO 2007)* will be presented. The 7th biennial publication of SOFO features an analysis of progress towards sustainable forest management in each of the six major regions of the world.

For reasons of economy, this document is produced in a limited number of copies. Delegates and observers are kindly requested to bring it to the meetings and to refrain from asking for additional copies, unless strictly indispensable.  
Most FAO meeting documents are available on Internet at [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)

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- Item 5: Forests and Energy: New challenges in sustainable forest management (document COFO 2007/5)

Delegates will be invited to present their views on the challenges for the forest sector related to the rapidly changing global energy situation, with a focus on future action.

12.30 Closure of morning Plenary session

**Wednesday, 14 March, morning - Red Room, Building A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Plenary Session**

- 09.00 - 10.30 Item 5: Forests and Energy: New challenges in sustainable forest management (document COFO 2007/5) cont'd

Continuation of agenda item 5 from Tuesday morning.

- 10.30 - 11.30 Item 6: Forest Protection (document COFO 2007/6)

Delegates will be invited to present their views on forest protection (including forest health and forest fires), including appropriate action to be taken to improve forest protection.

- 11.30 – 13.00 Item 7: Putting Forestry to Work at the Local Level (document COFO 2007/7)

Delegates will be invited to present their views on forest tenure and small-scale forest enterprises and their role in sustainable forest management.

**Wednesday, 14 March, afternoon - In-session Seminar**

- 14.30 – 16.30 Item 8: Progressing Towards Sustainable Forest Management  
In-session Seminar: Regional Action on Sustainable Forest Management (**Green Room, Building A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**)  
(document COFO 2007/8.2)

This special session will focus on linkages between national, regional and global forest processes, and ways that regional action can help to promote sustainable forest management. It features the six Regional Forestry Commissions and other processes.

**Thursday, 15 March, morning – Red Room, Building A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Plenary Session**

- 09.30 - 10.30 Item 8: Progressing Towards Sustainable Forest Management  
(document COFO 2007/8.1)

Delegates will be invited to discuss progress towards achieving sustainable forest management and actions that are needed to make further progress.

- 10.30 - 11.30      Item 9: Decisions and Recommendations of FAO Bodies of Interest to the Committee (documents COFO 2007/9.1 Rev.1 and COFO 2007/9.2)
- A brief discussion on decisions of FAO Bodies of interest to COFO.
- 11.30 – 12.30      Item 10: Shaping an Action Programme for FAO in Forestry (documents COFO 2007/10.1 and COFO 2007/10.2)
- A presentation and discussion on recent developments in FAO, including FAO reform, and proposals for the future FAO programme of work in forestry, including a strategic review.

**Friday, 16 March, morning – Forum and Dialogue on Key Forest Issues**

- 09.30 - 11.00      The Interface between Forests and Agriculture (**Green Room, Building A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**) (document COFO 2007/Inf.5)
- Presentation and discussion on interactions between the forest and agriculture sectors, and the implications for managers and policy makers in both sectors.
- 11.00 - 12.30      Reducing Emissions from Deforestation (**Green Room, Building A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**)
- Updated information on the concept of “avoided deforestation” and its role in the mitigation of climate change.

**Friday, 16 March, afternoon - Red Room, Building A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Plenary Session**

- 14.30 – 15.30      Item 11      XIII World Forestry Congress (document COFO 2005/11)
- Delegates will be briefed on the preparation of the Congress.
- 15.30 – 16.00      Item 12      Date of Next Session
- 16.00 – 17.00      Item 13      Adoption of the Report
- 17.00 – 17.30      Item 14      Closure of the Session



## ANNEX 1

## COFO 2007

Forest Dialogue on Key Forest Issues and Information Sessions and Other Meetings  
 Sunday, 11 March to Friday 16 March 2007 inclusive  
 As of 2 March 2007 (subject to change)

Date	Time	Event	Meeting Room
Sunday 11 March	1100 - 1300 1500 - 1800	Regional Forestry Commission bureaux *	Lebanon Room
Monday 12 March	0900 - 1030	Regional Forestry Commission bureaux (cont) *	Lebanon Room
	1100 - 1230	Special event on climate change : Address by His Excellency Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria	Red Room
	1430 - 1730	National forest programmes and poverty alleviation	Iran Room
	1430 - 1730	Forests and energy	Green Room
	1430 - 1730	Collaborative Partnership on Forests *	Mexico Room
	1800 -	Reception	Hall of Flags
Tuesday 13 March	0930 - 1230	COFO opening plenary session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of the World's Forests 2007</li> <li>• Forests and energy</li> </ul>	Red Room
	1245 - 1345	Information session: Liberia forestry sector reform	Iran Room
	1430 - 1600	Forest health	Green Room
	1430 - 1600	Understanding forest tenure	Iran Room
	1600 - 1730	Fire management	Green Room
	1600 - 1730	Small and medium-scale forest enterprises	Iran Room
	1730 - 1800	Russian Forests: National and International Dimensions	Green Room
	1800 - 2100	Project Market Place	Iran Room
Wednesday 14 March	0900 - 1300	COFO plenary session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest protection</li> <li>• Putting forestry to work at the local level</li> </ul>	Red Room
	1300 - 1430	A higher priority for mountain activities	Lebanon Room
	1315 - 1415	Voluntary guidelines: Forestry tools that contribute to sustainable development	Green Room
	1330 - 1430	Standing Committee on Commonwealth Forestry*	German Room
	1430 - 1630	In-session seminar: Regional action on sustainable forest management	Green Room
	1645 - 1800	Quantitative targets in forest policy	Iran Room
	1645 - 1800	Congo Basin forests: challenges and issues at stake	Austria Room
	1645 - 1800	Drafting Committee *	Lebanon Room
Thursday 15 March	0930 - 1230	COFO plenary session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progressing towards sustainable forest management</li> <li>• Decisions and recommendations of FAO bodies</li> <li>• Shaping an action program for FAO in forestry</li> </ul>	Red Room
	1245 - 1345	Social standards for sustainable certified forests	Austria Room
	1400 - 1600	Generating and sharing knowledge on forest resources - national and global monitoring and assessments	Iran Room
	1430 - 1730	Drafting Committee *	Lebanon Room
	1600 - 1700	Forests and Water: New generation of watershed management programmes	Iran Room
	1830 - 2130	Drafting Committee *	Lebanon Room
Friday 16 March	0930 - 1100	The interface between forests and agriculture	Green Room
	1100 - 1230	Reducing emissions from deforestation	Green Room
	1430 - 1730	COFO closing plenary session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• XIII World Forestry Congress</li> <li>• Adoption of report</li> </ul>	Red Room

\* participation by invitation only