



**Global Meeting in Preparation for the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015  
(FRA 2015) and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ)  
Chiang Mai, Thailand  
May 06-10 2013**



The global meeting in Preparation for the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015 (FRA 2015) and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ) is jointly organized with the Royal Forest Department of Thailand. The meeting will take place at the Centara Duangtawan Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand from May 06 to May 10, 2013.

The programme includes plenary presentations and small group sessions, plus a computer room for interactive work. An open knowledge fair and small group sessions will allow participants to clarify any issues related to the FRA 2015 reporting.

For all main plenary sessions, translation will be available in English, French and Spanish. In order to facilitate active participation, working groups are organized according to language (English, French and Spanish). Background documents and information materials will be distributed to the participants well in advance of the meeting. All National Correspondents are kindly requested to print and bring the necessary background documents as well as a copy of an advanced draft of the country report.

## **Meeting objectives**

- Provide information on the FRA 2015 country reporting and CFRQ process;
- Provide an opportunity for the National Correspondents to review in detail the FRA 2015 reporting process and clarify any technical issues;
- Introduce and provide hands on experience with the Forest Resources Information Management System (FRIMS);
- Inform National Correspondents about FRA 2015 remote sensing activities and Forest Futures work;
- Present the main components of the FRA capacity building plan including national network workshops, FRA regional workshops and the integration of remote sensing into national forest area estimates;
- Inform and discuss options for the analysis and publications of FRA 2015 results.

## **Key outcomes**

- All National Correspondents are informed about the FRA 2015 country reporting process and the CFRQ working modalities;
- All aspects of FRA 2015 are clarified and country reporting capacity is improved;
- National Correspondents are familiar with the use and functionalities of the FRIMS;
- National Correspondents are informed about the FRA 2015 remote sensing activities;
- National Correspondents are informed about the Forest Futures study and scenario formulation is improved;
- National Correspondents are informed about the national capacity building plan activities and benefits derived from its implementation;
- Improved plan for the analysis and publications of FRA 2015 results;
- Networking and exchange of experiences among national experts in forest monitoring assessment and reporting is fostered.