

26th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC)

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APFC Background and Objectives (1)

- One of six FAO Regional Forestry Commissions (RFCs)
- First Session held in 1950
- 33 member countries
- “RFCs should play an increasingly important role in providing member countries with opportunities to discuss together, at a regional level, problems of mutual concern” (FAO Conference 1959).



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APFC Background and Objectives (2)

RFCs should enable countries to:

- use their inside knowledge and access to first-hand information to determine strategic priorities and key problems on which regional efforts should concentrate;
- facilitate the coordination of technical and financial resources indispensable for increasing the efficiency of actions aimed at solving regional and national forestry problems;
- become authoritative fora and centers of excellence for the discussion of issues and policy orientation.

(1995 Rome Statement on Forestry)



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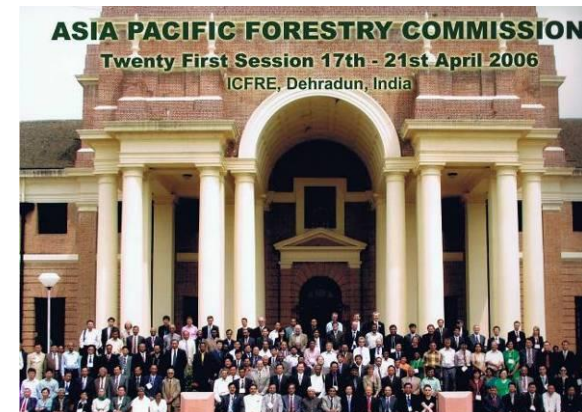
APFC Background and Objectives (3)

- A key plank in guiding FAO RAP work programme
- Substantial efforts to strengthen, empower and make relevant
- Building profile through its own working groups, networks, activities, events and publications
- Provides a focus and framework for priority setting
- Vehicle for collaboration and partnerships



1993 – 40 participants

2006 – 250 participants



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APFC at APFW

**Monday, 22 Feb
(APFC Session, full day)**

**Wednesday, 24 Feb
(APFC Session, full day)**

**Friday, 26 Feb
(APFC Session, to 3 pm)**

Monday, 22 February						
08.00 – 09.00	REGISTRATION					
09.00 – 17.00	All day 26 th Session of APFC, attended by APFC Member Countries					
Tuesday, 23 February						
07.30 – 09.00	REGISTRATION					
09.00 – 10.30	OPENING CEREMONY OF APFW2016					
10.30 – 11.00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK					
11.00 – 12.30	HIGH LEVEL PLENARY SESSION					
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH					
13.30 – 15.00	Stream 1 Plenary	Stream 2 Plenary	Stream 3 Plenary	Stream 4 Plenary	Stream 5 Plenary	Side event
15.00 – 15.30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK					
15.30 – 18.00	Stream 1 events	Stream 2 events	Stream 3 events	Stream 4 events	Stream 5 events	Side event
18.00 – 20.00	CULTURAL EVENTS					
Wednesday, 24 February						
08.00 – 09.00	REGISTRATION					
09.00 – 10.30	Stream 1 events	Stream 2 events	Stream 3 events	Stream 4 events	Stream 5 events	26 th APFC Session
10.30 – 11.00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK					
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15.00 – 15.30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK					
15.30 – 18.00	Stream 1 events	Stream 2 events	Stream 3 events	Stream 4 events	Stream 5 events	26 th APFC Session
18.00 – 20.00	EVENING EVENTS					
Thursday, 25 February						
07.30 – 17.00	Field trip Organized by DENR					
Friday, 26 February						
09.00 – 10.30	Stream 1 events	Stream 2 events	Stream 3 events	Stream 4 events	Stream 5 events	26 th APFC Session
10.30 – 11.00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK					
11.00 – 12.30	Stream 1 events	Stream 2 events	Stream 3 events	Stream 4 events	Stream 5 events	26 th APFC Session
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH					
13.30 – 15.00	Plenary Seminar on Philippines forestry			26 th APFC Session (adoption report)		
15.30 – 16.00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK					
16.00 – 17.00	CLOSING CEREMONY OF APFW2016					

Programme

Time	Monday 22 February	Wednesday 24 February	Friday 26 February
8.30 – 10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the Agenda Election of Officers <i>[Short Item A]</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of Forestry in the Region Global Forest Resources Assessment Progress in developing wood processing capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Policy Processes <i>[Short Item B]</i>
10.30 – 11.00	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK
11.00 – 12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest and Landscape Restoration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress in implementing APFC- and FAO-supported activities in the region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SFM Toolbox Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources Progress report on the Voluntary Guidelines on National Forest Monitoring XV WFC Report Input to FAO Governance Date and place of the next session
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13.30 – 15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forests and Natural Disasters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports and recommendations from Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016 Streams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of report Session Closure
15.00 – 15.30	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK
15.30 – 17.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> XIV WFC Declaration: Listening to indigenous peoples, local communities and family smallholders Gender policies, Youth and Forestry Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports and recommendations from Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016 Streams 	



Stream agenda item in APFC

13.30 – 17.30 Wednesday, 24 February

Reports and recommendations from Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016 Streams (3.5 hours)

Structure

- Overview presentation (5 minutes)
- Stream X presentation (10 minutes)
- APFC discussion of Stream X topic (30 minutes)
- Each stream to make one recommendation for adoption/implementation by APFC



Stream recommendations

- For the attention of Governments and FAO
- Needs to be relatively simple and clearly expressed (note style from 25th session report)
- Needs to be readily adoptable and readily actionable
- Needs to be relatively non-controversial (politically)
 - adopted by consensus
- Take account of available resources





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