



Announcement

Meeting of APFNet Focal Points within APEC Region

June 23-25, 2010

Beijing, China

Background

The Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet), proposed at the 15th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in 2007 and officially launched in 2008, aims to promote and improve sustainable forest management and rehabilitation in the Asia-Pacific region through capacity-building, information-sharing, regional policy dialogue and pilot projects.

Quite a number of APEC economies have been involved in APFNet activities through focal points, who play a significant role in circulating APFNet information and maximize the visibility of APFNet. In order to maintain an effective communication network and appeal for a broader participation in APFNet activities in Asia-Pacific and beyond, *a Meeting of APFNet Focal Points within APEC Region* will be held from 23-25 June, 2010 in Beijing, to identify an efficient working mechanism for APFNet focal points to achieve mutual benefit between the Network and its focal points. The Meeting will also facilitate to discuss openly the working plan and strategic plan for the institutional development of APFNet, as well as how the membership/partnership will be developed and enhanced to sustain APFNet.

Objectives and expected outputs

1. to establish a regular working mechanism in the region, which enables APFNet focal points to share perspectives concerning forestry sectors and support APFNet activities in circulating information and maximizing the visibility and profile of APFNet, and to identify how APFNet will in turn financially support its focal points;
2. to discuss the preferable mode of APFNet membership development; and
3. to discuss APFNet strategic plan for long-term operation and institutional development.

A summary will be composed to conclude the Meeting as the foundation report to future development of APFNet and the networking mechanism for APFNet focal points will be developed.

Participants to be invited

The main contact (or his/her representative) in each focal point agency from all 21 APEC member economies are invited to the meeting.

Constitution of the meeting

The meeting will start with an opening ceremony, followed by APFNet presentations and open discussion, which then leads to a wrap-up session to conclude the meeting.

A short excursion will also be organized before the meeting session.

Working language English

Funding mechanism

One Participant (in case of two or more participants) from each developing economy will be provided with funding to attend the meeting, whose expenses on international travel, accommodation with boards during the meeting plus DSA in APFNet standards will be covered. Please note that other expenses not mentioned in the Announcement will not be covered and reimbursement will not be accepted.

Hotel reservation will be arranged for those who pay on their own to attend the meeting.

Please find more logistical information in the *Information Note*.

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