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Announcement

The Second APFNet Focal Points Annual Meeting

Thursday 2 June 2011

Beijing, China

Background

Since its launch in 2008, APFNet has made headway in contributing to the sustainable management of forests across the Asia-Pacific region, which is largely ascribed to the support and assistance from its focal points representing regional economies as well as international and regional organizations.

At the inaugural meeting of the APFNet Focal Points held during 23-24 June 2010 in Beijing, China, participants agreed to establish a regular working mechanism to better carry out APFNet activities in the region and enable effective information exchange concerning forestry sector issues, and outlined next steps in the development of the strategic direction of APFNet. The Working Mechanism of APFNet Focal Points is one of the building blocks to the governance and effective operation of APFNet, mainly through providing assistance in the implementation of APFNet's activities at the local level and exploring opportunities for potential cooperation with partners.

Expected meeting outcomes

The Second Annual Meeting of APFNet Focal Points will build on meeting outcomes last time. Specifically, the second meeting will:

- Refine the key responsibilities of the Focal Points and the operation of the Working Mechanism of Focal Points;
- Strengthen effective communication among Focal Points and the Secretariat;
- Lay out the forward direction of the Working Mechanism of Focal Points;
- Improve the development and implementation of APFNet policies, priorities, programs, activities and procedures by providing feedback and advice on existing activities; and
- Facilitate information exchange and collaboration on forest management among regional economies.

Date and Venue

- Date: 2 June 2011, Thursday.
- Venue: Xinhai Jinjiang Hotel (61 Jinbao Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China)

An optional one-day field trip around Beijing will be arranged on 3 June 2011.

Note: an information note will be issued for further details about the venue.

Participants

All APFNet Focal Points (or their alternates) are to be invited to the meeting.

Major Agenda items

Tentative meeting agenda items include:

- Introduction to the APFNet Strategic Plan 2011-2015;
- Discussion on options to improve the existing Working Mechanism of Focal Points and agree on a vision for the evolvement of the Mechanism;
- Noting of APFNet's progress in developing and implementing major policies, priorities, programs, activities and procedures since the last meeting; and
- Presentations from selected economies outlining their strategic priorities, success and challenges in the forest sector, and implementation progress of APFNet activities in local areas and feedback on project impact.

Working language English

Funding mechanism

APFNet will cover the reasonable expenses of one participant from each developing economy to attend the meeting, including a return economy class airfare to Beijing, transfers from the Beijing International Airport to the hotel and accommodation during the meeting, as well as a certain amount per diem according to APFNet regulations.

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