



Fourth Annual Meeting for the APFNet Focal Points

Background

2012 has seen APFNet make great strides in translating its Strategic Plan into reality and also increasing exposure of APFNet in regional and international occasion. Thanks to the effort of all involving economies and international / regional economies, the APFNet Operational Framework has been formally accepted, which has defined the governance structure of APFNet in the future. Thematic training workshops were held to benefit 45 forestry officials and two demonstration projects were launched in 2012. APFNet proposed to implement the ASEM program on promoting sustainable forest management and committed partial funds for organizing the Second APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Forestry.

The progress achieved should largely be attributed to the assistance provided by all the focal points from regional economies and international / regional organizations via the Working Mechanism for APFNet Focal Points. In compliance with the Working Mechanism, the Fourth Annual Meeting for the APFNet Focal Points is going to be held to better fulfill its mandate in 2013.

Date and venue

Date: 6 June 2013 (7 June is a one-day field trip to a forest park near Kunming)

Venue: Golden Spring Hotel, Kunming, Yunnan province, China 昆明金泉大酒店
(Address: 93 East Renmin Road, Kunming, Yunnan, China; 云南省昆明市人民东路 93 号 Tel: 0086-871-3196888)

Objectives of the meeting

- Strengthen the interaction among the APFNet secretariat and regional economies and international / regional organization;
- Conduct a preliminary mid-term review on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011-2015 and identify a review plan;
- Discuss on the plan of developing the focal points meeting into the APFNet Council;
- Discuss on the case study of reviewing the progress made towards realizing the aspirational Sydney goal of increasing forest cover of APEC region by at least 20 million by 2020;
- Decide on the organization of the next meeting.

Provisional agenda

- Adopting the agenda
- Reporting on the process of accepting the APFNet Operational Framework in written forms;
- Sending out the 2012 work report and 2013 work report;
- Introduction to the activities of the capacity building program in 2012;
- Presentation on selected demonstration projects delivered by focal points / representatives from regional economies;
- Introduction to the activities carried out under the Strategic Plan for the first two and half years for discussion to steer APFNet on the right track and provide recommendations for improving the implementation of the Strategic Plan;
- Introduction to the case study to be carried out to review of the progress made towards realizing the aspirational Sydney goal of increasing forest cover of APEC region by at least 20 million by 2020;
- Discussion on the plan of developing the Focal Points meeting into the APFNet Council.

Working language: English

Participants

Focal points or its representatives will be invited to the meeting; other related parties who are interested in joining APFNet can also be invited upon request.

Funding mechanism

Representatives are encouraged to cover their expenses of attending the meeting; while if self-funding is difficult, one participant from a developing economy are eligible to apply for funding from the APFNet Secretariat. The funding includes a return economy class airfare to Kunming, transfers from the airport to the hotel and accommodation during the meeting, as well as a certain amount of per diem according to APFNet financial policy.

Meeting documents

Meeting documents for review and comments include:

1. 2012 work report and 2013 work plan;
2. Mid-term preliminary review of the implementation of the APFNet Strategic Plan 2011-2015.

The meeting documents will be distributed soon.

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