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EN COSTA RICA: UNA
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LOS COLEGIOS DE MORAVIA,
COSTA RICA
31 DE JULIO Y 1 DE AGOSTO DE 2009

Temas:

- Los bambúes en Costa Rica y el mundo
- Generalidades y usos del bambú
- El bambú en asocio con sistemas productivos
- Bambúes en la recuperación de cuencas hidrográficas
- Ecoconstrucciones con bambú

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**2ND WORLD CONGRESS
OF AGROFORESTRY:
THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL
LAND USE**

NAIROBI, KENYA
23–28 AUGUST 2009

The congress assessed opportunities to leverage scientific agroforestry in promoting sustainable land use worldwide. It also served as a forum for agroforestry researchers, educators, practitioners and policy-makers from around the world to:

- share new research findings, lessons, experiences and ideas that will help influence decisions that impact on livelihoods and the global environment;
- explore new opportunities and strengthen existing partnerships in agroforestry research, education, training and development; and
- form new networks and communities of practice, and nurture old ones.

The overall congress theme was "Agroforestry – the Future of Global Land Use". Plenary, symposia, concurrent sessions and poster sessions were organized around different major topics, based on the following: Food security and livelihoods; Conservation and rehabilitation of natural resources; and Policies and institutions.

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**INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE: FORESTS,
MARKETS, POLICY &
PRACTICE**

SHANGHAI, CHINA
8–9 SEPTEMBER 2009

This intensive two-day conference examined trends in legal and certified forests and markets – globally and in China – and explored ways to harmonize policy and practice and enhance capacity for positive change. Its objectives were to explore public policies and business practices designed to bring legal and certified forest products to market, and to enhance capacity to take advantage of opportunities and address challenges posed by changing policy and business environments.

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**8TH WORLD BAMBOO
CONGRESS**

BANGKOK, THAILAND
16–19 SEPTEMBER 2009

Over 400 attendees from more than 40 countries participated in the 8th World Bamboo Congress. Comprehensive sessions were covered over three days on:

- bamboo in Thailand and Southeast Asia
- bamboo and the environment
- biology and taxonomy
- resources – plantations, forestry and conservation
- material properties
- production, design and industrial aspects
- horticulture
- community and economic development
- architecture and engineering
- In Partnership for a Better World (INBAR)

The congress was an immense success and a culmination of the efforts of the World Bamboo Organization (WBO) to unite physically bamboo enthusiasts and professionals from all over the world and especially throughout Thailand and Southeast Asia.

WBO is dedicated to promoting the use of bamboo and bamboo products for the sake of the environment and the economy. We play a crucial networking role by connecting people for useful collaboration on all things related to bamboo. Our primary directive is as events organizer of the World Bamboo Congress.

To coincide with the 113th anniversary of Thailand's Royal Forest Department, 18 September was declared World Bamboo Day. This declaration is an effort to increase the awareness of bamboo globally. Where bamboo grows naturally, it has been a daily element, but its utilization has not always been sustainable because of exploitation. WBO wants to bring the potential of bamboo to a more elevated exposure – to protect natural resources and the environment, ensure sustainable utilization and promote new cultivation of bamboo for new industries, as well as promote traditional uses locally and for community economic development.

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**11TH ANNUAL BIOECON
CONFERENCE ON
"ECONOMIC
INSTRUMENTS TO
ENHANCE THE
CONSERVATION AND
SUSTAINABLE USE OF
BIODIVERSITY"**

VENICE, ITALY
21–22 SEPTEMBER 2009

This conference was targeted at researchers, environmental professionals, international organizations and policy-makers interested in working in the management and conservation of biodiversity. It focused on identifying the most effective and efficient instruments for biodiversity conservation, such as auctions of biodiversity conservation contracts, payment-for-services contracts, taxes, tradable permits, voluntary mechanisms and straightforward command and control. Special emphasis was given to policy reforms aimed at increasing the commercial rewards for conserving biodiversity, increasing the penalties for

biodiversity loss and circulating information on the biodiversity performance requirements of firms. An increasing number of businesses, which were responsible for biodiversity loss in the past, are now supporters of biodiversity conservation. Markets for organic agriculture and sustainably harvested timber are developing at double-digit rates, while rapid growth is observed in the demand for climate mitigation services, such as the protection of forests and wetlands to absorb carbon dioxide. Bioprospecting, the search for new compounds, genes and organisms in the wild, is another biodiversity business on the rise.

Leading international environmental economists presented their latest research in two plenary sessions. The agenda also included two panel discussions: (i) European Investment Bank session on Valuing ecosystem services: the link between theory and practice; and (ii) Conservation International session on Applying economic instruments to enable people to conserve biodiversity and ecosystem services.

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 **FORUM ON NON-TIMBER FOREST RESOURCES**
 NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA
 6 NOVEMBER 2009

The Centre for Non-Timber Resources at Royal Roads University hosted a one-day forum on non-timber forest resources entitled "Non-timber Forest Resources: Linking Research, Policy and Economic Opportunities". The forum attracted more than 90 participants from First Nations, all levels of government, private and band-owned businesses, community development specialists, resource managers, researchers and NGOs. There was also a strong representation from the Canadian Model Forest Network and the Forest Communities Program from across Canada, from the Clayquot Forest Communities in British Columbia to the Model Forest of Newfoundland & Labrador. The 15 speakers in the forum included business owners who shared practical experience, researchers and government representatives who discussed ecology and management, consumer perceptions and policy, and representatives of a range of innovative development and support initiatives.

Proceedings from the forum will soon be made widely available to participants and other interested parties.

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 **4TH GLOBAL SUMMIT ON MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS**
 SARAWAK, MALAYSIA
 1-5 DECEMBER 2009

The summit provided a forum for research scientists, traditional health practitioners, academicians, representatives from the medical and pharmaceutical industries, conservation biologists, biochemists, NGOs and government agencies to discuss, share ideas, advance information and experiences for future collaboration in the promotion and development of the medicinal and aromatic plant industries.

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 **AFRICAN FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION**
 BRAZZAVILLE, REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
 22-26 FEBRUARY 2010

Every two years, the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC) meets to discuss and address forest and wildlife issues in the African continent. Created in 1959, AFWC is one of six Regional Forestry Commissions established by FAO to provide a policy and technical forum for countries to discuss and address forest and wildlife issues in their respective regions. The year 2010 will mark the 17th session of the Commission. The gathering will be in conjunction with the first-ever African Forestry and Wildlife Week. The theme of the events will be common to all: "African Forests and Wildlife: Response to the Challenges of Sustainable Livelihood Systems".

The session will seek to highlight the important contribution of forests and wildlife to reducing poverty, hunger and malnutrition in Africa. The introduction of an entire week

dedicated to African forests and wildlife aims to draw the attention of policy-makers to the contribution of forests and wildlife to the national economy and to the lives and livelihoods of the African people. Some 400 participants from a variety of backgrounds are expected at the event, including policy-makers and practitioners from the public and private sectors, NGOs, civil society organizations and development agencies, as well as experts from academia. They will discuss and exchange knowledge on the social, economic and environmental values of forests and wildlife and the need to manage them sustainably, particularly in the face of current global trends such as the financial and food crises and climate change.

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 **GLOBAL SHEA 2010: MAXIMIZING QUALITY, EXPANDING MARKETS**
 BAMAKO, MALI
 16-19 MARCH 2010

Global Shea 2010 is the most important annual event of the shea industry. From pickers to processors, researchers to buyers, Global Shea 2010 will put you in touch with people working in every part of the industry.

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 **TAKING STOCK OF SMALLHOLDER AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**
 MONTPELLIER, FRANCE
 24-26 MARCH 2010

CIFOR (the Center for International Forestry Research), IRD (the French Institute of Research for Development) and the French International Cooperation Centre of Agricultural Research for Development

(CIRAD) will be hosting this international conference.

Conference sessions will be organized to maximize comparisons of key topics drawing on cases in temperate and tropical forests from around the world. Topics will include:

- relations between local forest practices and environmental, forestry or multisectoral policies and regulations;
- organizational patterns, institutions and governance concerns, including tenure and rights;
- practices and knowledge, particularly the interactions between local and extralocal systems (professional forest knowledge, NGOs, scientific knowledge);
- management and marketing issues regarding timber, NTFPs and multiple-use management, including relations with the private sector and new certification mechanisms (ecolabelling, fairtrade and geographic origins);
- gender issues;
- property, legitimacy or rights issues;
- approaches and methods for supporting smallholder and community forestry (NGOs, extension services);
- the role of the state and NGOs.

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IOF (INSTITUTE OF FORESTRY) FOREST-PEOPLE INTERACTION CONFERENCE

POKHARA, NEPAL
7-8 JUNE 2010

Themes to be covered during the conference include:

- community-based forest management and livelihood strategies;
- biodiversity and environmental services;
- forest and tree management practices; and
- forest policy, management and governance.

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2010 INBAR BAMBOO TOUR TO CHINA

CHINA
MID-JUNE 2010

The International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) has been successfully organizing bamboo study tours in China in cooperation with the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) since 2005. The objective of the annual tour is to share the experiences of Chinese bamboo development and promote bamboo development in other countries.

The 2010 bamboo tour to China will visit EXPO Shanghai, and Zhejiang and Sichuan provinces.

In Zhejiang, we will visit some leading bamboo flooring manufacturers, such as DASSO (which produced the bamboo fireproof ceiling for Madrid's international airport [winning the 2006 Sterlinz prize], is producing bamboo veneer to be used for the interior decoration of 70 000 BMW cars and is also a 40 m-long bamboo wind turbine blade manufacturer); Yafeng (which produces strand-woven bamboo lumber and flooring); Yongyu (bamboo flooring); Shengbang (bamboo concrete forms, a supplier for the 2010 EXPO in Shanghai); Xieqiang (bamboo curtains and mats); Kangxing bamboo-shoot processing company; Shenshi bioproduct company (bamboo extracts such as flavonoids, bamboo beer); Wenzhao, the biggest bamboo charcoal company (charcoal and vinegar); the only Bamboo Charcoal Museum in the world; some primitive processing workshops (bamboo strips) at the community level; Huachun bamboo furniture company; Jitai bamboo-processing machine company and Anji bamboo product market (hundreds of bamboo products, including bamboo clothes).

We will also visit the largest bamboo botanic garden in the world, Anji Bamboo Garden, which has more than 300 bamboo species plus two giant pandas, as well as the Chinese Bamboo Museum in its garden; a high-yielding bamboo plantation; a bamboo film production base; ecotourism sites; an ornamental bamboo nursery; Baisha ecotourism village; companies and communities dealing in NTFPs such as ginkgo, hickory and traditional dry bamboo shoots; and the Hangzhou West Lake

and China Silk Museum. Furthermore, we will visit some bamboo research institutions such as Zhejiang Forestry College (bamboo charcoal, bamboo tissue culture laboratory).

We try to dialogue with local politicians and experts on bamboo sector policies and technology, which encourage entrepreneurs to invest in other bamboo production countries in Africa, Asia and the Americas.

In Sichuan province, we will visit Wangjiang Bamboo Park (with nearly 200 tropical bamboo species); the Living Water Park (which shows wastewater treatment by plants and biotechnology and has won a UNEP award); Chengdu Giant Panda Centre (with more than 100 pandas); the world famous Dujiangyan irrigation system; the INBAR bamboo handicrafts training base in Qingshen; and the China Bamboo Weaving Museum, Strand Woven Bamboo company.

We will stay two days in Shanghai to visit EXPO Shanghai 2010, the most exciting global event in 2010, where many places will be decorated with bamboo.

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18TH COMMONWEALTH FORESTRY CONFERENCE

EDINBURGH, UNITED KINGDOM
28 JUNE-2 JULY 2010

The theme of the conference is "Restoring the Commonwealth's Forests: Tackling Climate Change". The organizers are keen to encourage the submission of papers on successful restoration case studies.

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