

Item 10. Recommendations of the Committee to FAO for 2007-2008

The Committee agreed on the following recommendations to FAO:

Propose corrective measures on the perceived negative relation between the forest products industry and deforestation, in the context of the climate change debate. In particular:

Jointly organize a side event at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP 13), to be held in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia, from 3 to 14 December 2007;

Further document the social contribution of the forest products industry;
Contribute to clarifying UNFCCC accounting rules for carbon sequestration by forests;
Actively promote understanding of the causes of deforestation.

Undertake an analysis of the relationship between water and forestry, in the context of the increasing scarcity of water.

Expand work on public perception of forest industries and the environment, based on the initial work presented at the Shanghai meeting.

Continue to work on the nexus of forests and energy, building on the results of the IEA-FAO-ICFPA energy conference in Rome, October 2006.

Item 11. Date and place of next session

The Committee proposed to hold its 49th Session in South Africa on 10 June 2008.