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ASIA-PACIFIC FORESTRY COMMISSION

TWENTIETH SESSION

Nadi, Fiji, 19 - 23 April 2004

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Pre-session Workshops

**Friday - Saturday
16 - 17 April 2004**

- Regional Workshop on Implementation of the Proposals for Action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF) and Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IFF) and Strengthening National Forest Programmes. Two-day workshop will examine the ways to boost the implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action in the Asia-Pacific region, with specific emphasis on national forest programmes.

Saturday, 17 April 2004

- Workshop on Asia-Pacific Invasive Species Network. As a follow-up to the Conference on forest invasive species in August 2003, the workshop will discuss the establishment and functions of the Asia-Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network and an associated APFC Working Group.

Monday, 19 April 2004

APFC General Meeting

08.00 – 09.00

- Registration at the Fiji Mocambo Hotel

09.00 – 12.00

- Opening Ceremony. Introductory addresses.
- **Item 1:** Adoption of the agenda. (document: FO:APFC/2004/1)
- **Item 2:** Election of officers. Nomination and election of chairperson, vice-chairpersons and rapporteur.
- **Item 3:** State of forestry in the region. A brief presentation of key forestry developments in the Asia-Pacific region in the past two years followed by discussions on national perspectives and progress on forestry issues. (document: FO:APFC/2004/2)

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- 14.00 – 17.00
- **Item 3:** (continued)
 - **Item 4:** Forestry activities of interest to the region.
Brief presentations on APFC and FAO-supported activities and global initiatives during the past two years, followed by discussions to develop new initiatives and to guide ongoing work.
 - APFC and FAO-supported activities and initiatives (including follow-up to recommendations of the 19th session of the Commission).
(document: FO:APFC/2004/3)
 - International and global initiatives
(document: FO:APFC/2004/4)
- 19.00 – 21.00
- Reception hosted by the Government of Fiji

Tuesday, 20 April 2004

- 09.00- 12.00
- **Item 5:** In-session seminar: *In Search of Excellence: exemplary forest management in Asia and the Pacific.* The seminar will outline the findings of the *In Search of Excellence* exercise, including presentation of selected case studies. An open forum will provide opportunity to discuss the characteristics of good forest management, what has been learned from case studies, and how improved forest management can be promoted more effectively.
(document: FO:APFC/2004/5)
- 14.00 – 17.00
- **Item 6:** Financing sustainable forest management: securing and managing required resources.
Various global funding sources for sustainable forest management (e.g. Collaborative Partnership on Forests Sourcebook, National Forest Programme Facility and marketing of forest services) will be described. The focus will be on how member countries can identify and mobilize financial resources for their programmes and projects.
(document: FO:APFC/2004/6)
- 18.30 – 20.00
- Reception hosted by FAO

Wednesday, 21 April 2004

- 09.00 – 12.00
- **Item 7:** In-session seminar on alternative forest management models.
Presentations will highlight alternatives to forest management by government agencies. Presenters will illustrate the features and role of private forest management, community forestry, adaptive co-management, and model forest approaches in today's forest management. Discussions will focus on the opportunities that opening forestry to a wider group of stakeholders offers, the potential pitfalls and the current limitations of the alternative models.
(document: FO:APFC/2004/7)

- 14.00 – 17.00
- **Item 8: Forest conventions, treaties and more: are regional agreements the way to go?**
Recent developments and trends with regard to forest agreements at the global and regional levels will be considered. The advantages and disadvantages of global and regional agreements will be discussed, as well as the challenges in adopting and implementing such agreements for addressing regional forestry issues.
(document: FO:APFC/2004/8)
 - **Item 9: Information items.**
 - **International events and initiatives**
Presentation outlining progress and activities relevant to Asia-Pacific forestry, relating to key international forestry events.
 - **Wildland fire agreements**
A roadmap for a process on developing legal frameworks for forest fire management will be presented.
- 19.00 – 21.00
- **Open forum for organizations, projects, donors and others to present information and updates on activities**
- Thursday, 22 April 2004**
- Field trip
- Friday, 23 April 2004**
- 09.00 – 12.00
- **Item 10: Regional issues identified by the Commission for the attention of the Committee on Forestry (COFO).**
Discussion and agreement on key policy and technical issues for Asia-Pacific forestry to be referred to the 17th Session of COFO in March 2005.
 - **Item 11: Other business.**
A short summary of the key conclusions and recommendations of the first APFC Executive Meeting, convened in December 2003, will be presented, followed by discussion of any other matters that members wish to bring to the attention of the Commission.
(document: FO:APFC/2004/9)
 - **Item 12: Date and place of the next session.** Offers to host the 21st session of APFC in 2006 will be welcomed.
 - **Item 13: Adoption of the report.** Review and adoption of the draft report of the 20th Session of APFC.