

SECOND CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS AND PARTICIPANTS*

THE FUTURE OF FORESTS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC: OUTLOOK FOR 2020

16 – 18 October 2007
Chiang Mai, Thailand



CONFERENCE PURPOSE

This international conference is being organized to enhance the consultative and capacity-strengthening processes of the Second Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study (APFSOS II) by airing a range of perspectives on emerging changes, probable scenarios and their implications for forests and forestry in the region. Forestry and development practitioners, researchers, teachers, students, and representatives from the public and private sectors will come together to:

- analyse social, economic, institutional and technological trends in the Asia-Pacific region and their potential impacts on forests;
- identify the opportunities and challenges for forests and forestry in the face of anticipated changes in the way forests are perceived and used in Asia and the Pacific; and
- assess the strategies and set of tools which may be pursued and utilized under different scenarios in order to address the likely changes in the society-forest dynamic in the Asia-Pacific region.

Expected outcomes from the conference include:

- enhanced awareness of long-term changes in society-forest relationships and better definition of a 21st Century vision for forestry in the region, taking onboard likely scenarios for development;
- improved understanding of the emerging opportunities and challenges for various stakeholders, enabling a more balanced approach to management and utilization of forest and tree resources appropriate to the overall needs of society;
- better perception of how Asia-Pacific forests fit into global contexts and how they are contributing to production of global public goods; and
- increased collaboration and partnerships to address problems at the global, regional and sub-regional levels.

* For the latest news and information, visit the website: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/39701/en>.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME*

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2007

Opening remarks and keynote address

Session 1: Forestry in Asia and the Pacific - Overview

- Current situation of forests in Asia and the Pacific
- Prospects for tropical forests in Asia and the Pacific
- Prospects for plantations in Asia and the Pacific
- Prospects for agroforestry

Session 2: Societal Transition and Likely Future Scenarios for Asia-Pacific Forestry

- Demographic trends in Asia and the Pacific
- Economic trends in Asia and the Pacific
- Driving forces for people and forests in Asia and the Pacific
- Outlook for forests and forestry - China
- Outlook for forests and forestry - Japan
- Outlook for forests and forestry - India

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2007

Session 3: Challenges in Balancing Environmental, Economic and Social Needs

- Supply and demand of forest products
- Prospects for conservation in Asia and the Pacific
- What future for environmental services?
- Projections for agricultural land-use in Asia and the Pacific
- Forests and poverty alleviation
- Indigenous people's rights
- Challenges in balancing environmental, economic and social needs

Session 4: Impact of globalisation on forests and forestry in Asia and the Pacific

- Impact of globalisation on forests and forestry in Asia and the Pacific
- Prospects for trade in forest products in Asia and the Pacific
- Changing markets and forest management

Session 4a: Impact of globalisation on forests and forestry in Asia and the Pacific

- Evolving transboundary issues
- Forests and climate change
- Competitiveness and investment prospects
- Poster session

Session 4b: Modeling The Outlook for Forestry in Asia and the Pacific

- Pulp and paper scenarios for Asia-Pacific
- Use of the international forest and forest products trade model to investigate the limits of bilateral forest product trade agreements: A China and Indonesia case study
- Trade models in Asia-Pacific

DAY 3: THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2007

Session 5: Policy, Institutional and Technological Adaptation for the 21st Century

- Prospects for policies and institutions
- Reinventing forestry agencies
- Key directions for technology development
- Prospective role of forests in bioenergy production

Session 6: What is the Future Role of Forestry?

- A traditionalist viewpoint
- Will forestry remain relevant?
- Floor discussion

Session 7: An Overview of Main Findings and the Way Forward

- Doom and gloom - the forest crisis scenario
- Adaptation and action - towards a brighter future

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PARTICIPATION, PRESENTATIONS AND DISPLAYS

Papers

Each paper presentation will be 20 minutes in length. Those interested in presenting a paper are encouraged to submit an abstract (about 250 words) not later than **30 June 2007**. Authors of proposed voluntary papers that are selected for presentation will be notified by **15 July 2007**. Full texts of accepted papers should be submitted not later than **31 August 2007**. Instructions relating to the format and length of the voluntary papers are available from the conference website.*

Posters

A poster session during the conference will serve to complement the talking format. As with voluntary papers, posters should exhibit forward thinking. Poster abstracts should be received not later than **31 August 2007**. Presenters should anticipate arriving early to set up poster displays.

Organizational displays

There will be an area at the conference venue reserved for those who wish to display organizational materials. Please let the conference organizers know by **31 August 2007** if you are interested in displaying materials.

Young professionals' essay competition

Young sustainable development professionals are invited to submit short papers outlining their vision for how Asia-Pacific forests should be managed to provide the brightest future for the people of the region. Residents or citizens of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission member countries who are at or under the age of 30 years are eligible to win subsidized participation at the conference. For details of the essay competition, visit the website by clicking the hyperlink below.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held at the Imperial Mae Ping Hotel, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. 200 rooms have been blocked as tentative booking for 15-19 October 2007. Check in: 15 October 2007. Check out: 18-19 October 2007.

Room rates:

Superior single room	Baht 1,600
Superior double room (two beds)	Baht 1,800
Deluxe single room	Baht 1,800
Deluxe double room	Baht 2,000
Royal suite single room	Baht 5,000
Royal suite double room	Baht 5,500



For more information about the hotel, visit its website at <http://www.imperialmaeping.com/>. Due to limited conference capacity, you are encouraged to submit a registration form as soon as possible. For those who may prefer to find alternate accommodation, there are a number of options in the vicinity.

REGISTRATION AND SUBSIDIES

There is no registration fee, but unless otherwise informed, conference participants will be expected to cover the costs of air ticket, accommodation, and incidentals. Limited funding will be provided to some of those who are presenting and to a selection of other participants upon the decision and discretion of the conference organizers.

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MARK (X) AS APPROPRIATE

- I would like to attend the conference.
 I would like to submit a voluntary paper, for which the abstract is due not later than **30 June 2007**.
 I would like to submit a poster, for which the abstract is due not later than **31 August 2007**.
 I would like to find accommodation at the conference venue.
 I would prefer to find other accommodation.*
 I would like to indicate certain food restrictions.

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* Since the conference takes place during the high tourist season, you are advised to book accommodation well in advance of the conference dates.