



APFNet - A New Initiative in the Region

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Outlines



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Background



- Sydney Declaration, 15th APEC Economic Leaders, 2007
- Co-sponsors: United States, Australia
- Officially launched in Beijing, Sept. 2008
- Announced, 16th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Peru, Nov 2008



Background(cont)



- Openness and participation
open to APEC economies and other interested partners
outside of APEC
- Complementarities
complement with other regional initiatives
strengthen synergies and avoid duplication

Mission



*Information-
sharing*

*Regional
Policy
Dialogues*

*Capacity
Building*

Pilot Projects

*to promote and
improve
Sustainable Forest
Management and
Rehabilitation in
the Asia Pacific
region*

Objectives



- To promote forest rehabilitation, reforestation and afforestation in the region to contribute to the achievement of the aspirational goal of increasing forest cover in the APEC region by at least 20 million hectares of all types of forests by 2020;
- To strengthen sustainable forest management and improve forest quality in the region , including climate change mitigation and adaptation response and to increase carbon sequestration;
- To improve the productive capacity and socio-economic benefits of forest ecosystems and enhance biodiversity conservation.



Priority Areas



- The development of forest policy, legal and institutional framework
- Economic incentives for SFM and forest rehabilitation, including payment for ecosystem services
- Reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD), and resilience of forest ecosystems to global warming
- Biodiversity conservation and effective protected area management
- Forest inventory, monitoring and assessment



Priority Areas (cont.)



- Demonstration and pilot projects to demonstrate “best practice” examples of SFM
- Development and implementation of credible legality verifications and forest management certification
- Participatory, ecosystem-based forest land use planning
- Development of community-based forest enterprises
- Enhancement of private-public partnerships and corporate social responsibility



Modalities of APFNet



- **Relationship with APEC**

- operate consistent with APEC guidelines
- report to APEC on progress

- **Secretariat hosted by China**

- **Financial mechanism**

- voluntary contributions
- trust fund

Main Activities (1)



- International Symposium on SFM held in September 2008 in Beijing
 - Launch of APFNet
 - 120 participants from 16 APEC members, 9 non- APEC economies and 14 international organizations



– Launch of the website of the Network



- Introduction of APFNet Framework Document
- Discussion the challenges of SFM and forest rehabilitation in the region
- Identification potential areas for further cooperation under the APFNet



Main Activities (2)



- The First Training workshop on SFM
 - October 2008, in Beijing
 - 15 forest senior officials from 14 countries in the region
 - Cover broad topics of SFM
 - Approach: lectures, Q&A and field trip



- Field trip to Linan,
Zhejiang Province



Main Activities (3)



- International Workshop on Policies on Trade in Timber and Timber Products held in Beijing in December 2008
 - 180 participants from governments, private sector, scientific institutions and civil society
 - Co-hosted with the China-US Combating Illegal Logging and Associated Trade Bilateral Forum
 - Information sharing on policy measures to combat illegal logging and associated trade, and promote cooperation of all stakeholders



Work Plans



- capacity building programs
 - Training programme
 - Training workshops in 2009
 - Long-term training programme
 - Scholarship programs
- pilot projects
 - Identifying the demonstration areas
 - Initiate pilot projects in the region
 - Developing Guidelines for Project Management

Work Plans (cont.)



- Cooperation with international organizations

Participation in international events

- COFO meeting, Rome , March 2009
- UNFF8, New York, April 2009
- WFC2009, Buenos Aires, October,2009

Jointly organizing meetings and workshops

- Co-hosting with FAO for APFC Session in 2010
- Co-hosting with UNFF for Country Led Initiative
- Enhancing cooperation with FAO ,UNFF and other forestry-related organizations



Work Plans (cont.)



- Developing organizational and administrative work of the APFNet
 - Membership
 - Bylaws
 - Mechanism
- Profile Build-up
 - International recognition
 - Improving APFNet website
 - Publications and newsletters





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