APFNet - A New Initiative in the Region

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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
• 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
Thank You

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