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## Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests  
Fourth session  
Geneva, 3-14 May 2004

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Tuesday, 4 May 2004

### PLENARY

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room XVIII

Common items for each [5]

(b) Enhanced cooperation (E/CN.18/2004/13)

#### *Introduction*

*Presentations on the compilation of views on sustainable forest management and ecosystem approach*

*Presentation of CPF Framework 2004*

*Presentations by the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity, of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*

*Presentation by the Global Environment Facility*

3- 6 p.m. . . . . Working Group I . . . . . Conference Room XVIII

Common items for each session: Intersessional work [5(e)]

*Presentation of results from Ad Hoc Expert Groups on FINTEST*

3- 6 p.m. . . . . Working Group II . . . . . Conference Room XVII

Common items for each session: Enhanced cooperation [5(b)]

**Regional Group Meetings****Group of 77**

9.00– 9.45 a.m.  
1.15 – 2.45 p.m.

Conference Room XVII  
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**European Union**

9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Conference Room XXII

**JUSCANZ**

9.00– 9.45 a.m.

Conference Room XXIII

### Side events

(All side-events will take place from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.)

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#### Tuesday, 4 May

Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape	Conference Room XXII
<i>Results of the Interlaken Workshop on Decentralization</i>	
Swedish Country Initiative	Conference Room XXIII
<i>Findings from Workshop on Lessons Learned on Sustainable Forest Management in Africa</i>	
The International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests	Conference Room XXVII
<i>Sharing Indigenous Peoples People's experiences with the implementation of the IPF/IFF Proposals for Action</i>	

#### Wednesday, 5 May

Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration	Conference Room XXII
<i>Forest Landscape Restoration: Experiences and activities at the local, regional and global levels</i>	
Pincho Institute for Conservation	Conference Room XXIII
<i>Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting in the US: One Country's experience</i>	
Congo Brazaville Country Led Initiative	Conference Room XXVII
<i>Results of the Global Workshop on Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies and Capacity Building for Sustainable Forest Management</i>	

#### Thursday, 6 May

Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)	Conference Room XXII
<i>Joint Initiatives of the CPF</i>	
The International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests	Conference Room XXIII
<i>Panel discussion on traditional forest related knowledge (TFRK) and the social and cultural aspects of knowledge relative to forest policy</i>	
The Forest Dialogue (TFD) with (IUCN, WBCSD and IFBWW)	Conference Room XXVII
<i>Results of the Forest Dialogue (TFD)</i>	

**Friday, 7 May**

World Bank, (AFLEG) Conference Room XXII

*Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Ministerial Processes  
In Africa, East Asia/Pacific and Northern Urasia*

Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests  
In Europe (MCPFE) Conference Room XXIII

*Development of the Pan European Understanding of the Linkage between  
the Ecosystem Approach and Sustainable Forest Management –  
Results of the MCPFE ad hoc working group meeting, 19-21 April 2004,  
Krakow, Poland*

Society of American Foresters Conference Room XVII

*Contributions of professional societies to forest sciences*

CPF Network Meeting Conference Room XVIII

*Steps forward*

**Monday, 10 May**

International Partnership for Forestry Education, IPFE Conference Room XXII

*The New International Partnership for forestry Education*

Canadian Service of Forest Service and  
Natural Resources Conference Room XXIII

*Follow-up to the XII World Forestry Congress*

**Tuesday, 11 May**

International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) Conference Room XXII

*Supporting informed decisions*

The Union of Ecoforestry in Finland Conference Room XXIII

*The risks of the GM trees and sustainable alternatives of forestry*

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – Australia Conference Room XXVII

*Assessing Progress in implementing the IPF/IFF Proposals for Action –  
The Vanuatu Experience*

**Wednesday, 12 May**

Government of Finland

Conference Room XXII

*Traditional knowledge as a tool for dryland rehabilitation*

ICRAF

Conference Room XXIII

*Role of small-holder timber production*

European Commission

Conference Room XXVII

*Forest Cover Assessment and Monitoring from Satellites***Thursday, 13 May**

Tehran Process - Secretariat of Low Forest Cover Countries (LFCCs)

Conference Room XXII

*Presentation of the Report of Bamako Workshop and LFCCs activities*

IFBWW and ISFA

Conference Room XXIII

*PRSP' s and SFM: Integration or Disintegration***Friday, 14 May**

Rural Reconstruction - Nepal

Conference Room XXII

*Innovative approaches in forest resource management in Nepal*

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<i>Changes or corrections relating to side-events should be transmitted to Ms. Lorna Fidler, Room E-1062.</i>
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## Summary of meetings

*Monday, 3 May 2004*

*2<sup>nd</sup> meeting*

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs opened the session.

### *Election of the Chairman*

Upon recommendation of the Bureau, the Forum agreed to appoint H.E. Mr. Yuriy N. Isakov of the Russian Federation as Chairman of the fourth session.

### *Election of officers*

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Upon the recommendation of the Bureau, the Forum elected Mr. George Talbot of Guyana as Vice-Chairman, and appointed Mr. Xolisa Moghongo of South Africa as Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

### *Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters*

[2]

The Forum adopted the provisional agenda for the session as contained in document E/CN.18/2004/1.

### *Organization of work*

The Forum had before it the proposed organization of work for the session as contained in an informal paper.

Following a correction by the Secretary of the Forum, the Forum endorsed the proposed organization of work.

### *Deadline for submission of draft proposals*

The Forum was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals for issuance in all official languages by its final meeting was *Tuesday, 11 May 2003 at 6 p.m.*

### *Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations*

The Forum extended an invitation to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), an intergovernmental organization, to participate in its deliberations.

### *Opening statements*

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

The Chairman of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests made a statement.

The representative of Switzerland made a statement.

*General statements*

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, the Russian Federation, South Africa, China, Congo, Australia, Japan, Uganda, Switzerland and Guatemala.

*Status of the secretariat of the Forum*

[3]

The Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests made an introductory statement.

*3<sup>rd</sup> meeting*

*Common items for each session: Country experiences and lessons learned [5(c)]*

The Forum began its consideration of the item.

*Panel discussion on Forests and its role in achieving broader development goals*

Presentations were made by the following panelists: Mr. Ole Henrik Magga, Chair, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Mr. Tony Simmons, Principal Tree Scientist, ICRAF; Mr. Freddy Arnoldo Molina Sanchinel, Director, ACICAFOC; Ms. Inviolata Chingayanrara, Coordinator Africa, IFBWW.

Following the presentations, the following delegations made comments: Australia, Costa Rica, the United States of America, Guatemala, Brazil, Benin, the United Kingdom, India, Germany, Gabon and Peru.

The representative of the Northern Office of the World Rainforest Movement also participated.

The panelists responded to questions raised.

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*General statements (continued)*

The Forum heard statements by the representatives of Croatia, Cuba, India and New Zealand.