

International Forestry Conference

“Planted Teak Forests – a Globally Emerging Forest Resource”

San José, Costa Rica, 31 October – 2 November 2011
Field trip to Guanacaste, Costa Rica 3-5 November 2011

CATIE in cooperation with FAO and TEAKNET is organizing an international forestry conference in October-November 2011 that will focus on planted teak forests as a globally emerging forest resource. The conference will be based in San José for the initial three days and a field trip is planned to the Guanacaste province, Costa Rica.

Conference Topics

- Analysis of policy frameworks and related structural obstacles and financing barriers for teak investments.
- Analysis and evaluation of the role of investment intermediaries in promoting teak plantation ventures (case studies on successes and failures).
- Evaluation of private and public investments in the teak sector and its impacts on socio-economic conditions and rural livelihoods.
- Evaluation of existing management models and programmes for the production of planting material and genetic improvement.
- Analysis of the market structures and value chains of teakwood trading and their impact on the profitability of teak investments.
- Development of uniform log grading rules and transparent market intelligence.
- Evaluation of the significance of planted teak forests for climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Developing strategic, conceptual and operational recommendations in support of the sustainable development of the teak sector.

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Conference Format

The conference will invite selected keynote speakers and welcome a limited number of volunteer presentations that provide innovative and state-of-the art overviews of the selected conference topic. Both invited and volunteer presentations will be given in concurrent sessions on October 31st, and the 1st and 2nd of November, 2011 at the conference venue in San José. The conference will also welcome posters from researchers, institutions and organizations that will be displayed in the hotel facilities. Upon request, the organizers will provide opportunities for hosting of side-events and parallel sessions.

Participants who wish to contribute a volunteer presentation or a poster should submit a brief abstract (max. 1 page) to lorozco@catie.ac.cr by the 15th of July 2011. The scientific committee will screen the submitted applications with the objective to allow for a wide range of countries and innovative topics. The authors of accepted presentations and posters will be notified by the 31st of August 2011. The guidelines for paper summaries are attached to the present announcement.

Field trips are optional. Participants will have the opportunity to choose from various excursions to plantations (industrial and small-scale), associations, and a traditional Forestry Fair in Hojanca, Guanacaste. Transportation from San José to Guanacaste will be provided on Thursday, November the 3rd, along with local accommodation and meals. Return to San Jose is planned for mid-day Saturday, the 5th of November.

Conference Program

Attachment

Official conference languages: English, Spanish and Portuguese. Simultaneous translation will be provided only in the principal conference room. No interpretation services will be offered during the voluntary conferences in parallel sessions.

Conference venue

Hotel Barceló San José Palacio, located in San José Costa Rica
(www.barcelosanjosepalacio.com)

Note: each participant should reserve his/her own accommodations for the conference in San José. Alternative hotels in San José will be available in the official conference web page www.catie.ac.cr/conferenciateca

And more...

- Business roundtables.
- Commercial stands for companies, consultants and investors.
- TeakNet Steering Committee meeting and OLAT meeting (Latin American Teak Producers Organization).
- Opportunities exist for hosting side-events or parallel sessions.
- A field trip to various forestry-based enterprises and a Forestry Fair will follow the Conference.



Fees, travel and accommodation information

Conference fees: \$400

Fees include: welcome cocktail, coffee-breaks, lunches (3), official dinner on Wednesday evening (1), materials (folder, pen, CD with proceedings), and administrative support. Participants will pay their own travel expenses and accommodations during the conference days in San José.

Field trip fees: \$250

Fees include transportation to Guanacaste, transportation, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, coffee-breaks, materials (folder, brochures), participation in the forestry fair, and hotel accommodations in Guanacaste.

Participants interested in attending the Conference should request information in advance about migratory and health requirements (yellow fever vaccination and others).

Financing

Participants from developing countries may be eligible for financial assistance by FAO (see details below) to participate in the conference. The funds for this assistance are limited and will be allocated according to availability, country quotas, position, and current work.

Official conference web page

www.catie.ac.cr/conferenciateca

Contact

confteca@catie.ac.cr

Online registration: starting June 1st 2011

Funding for participants from developing countries:

Colleagues from developing countries may be eligible for financial assistance by FAO to facilitate their participation in the conference. The funds for this assistance are limited and will be allocated according to availability, country quotas, position, and current work.

Assistance includes: conference registration fee, economy-class flight ticket to San José (two ways), daily allowances (accommodations, meals, local transportation and pocket money). Financial assistance does not include visa expenses.

Interested participants can request for the Developing Country Assistance Regulation and the Application Form. Please send an Email to Walter Kollert at FAO Headquarters (walter.kollert@fao.org). The filled application form should be submitted to FAO latest by 15th July 2011.

San José and Guanacaste await you in 2011...!