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International Forests & Water Dialogue

From discourse to action: integrating forests, trees and water interactions into policy, science, and forest practices

8-9 September 2015 - Hall 3A, ICC - Durban

Our objectives

The event will propose tangible solutions.

- Increase international research on forest–water interactions in different contexts.
- Advocate for multi-sectorial institutional mechanisms and adoption of forest–water policies.
- Promote the integration of forest–water interactions in research, policy and forest management practices.
- Advance the Forests and Water Agenda, and consolidate a network of committed partners.
- Launch *Forests and Water – a five-year action plan*.

Why forests and water?

Forests use water, but they also provide water.

Forests and trees regulate the supply of water, in terms of quantity and quality.

- One in six people do not have access to safe drinking water.
- 80% of the global population lives in areas where water resources are insecure.
- Forested watersheds and wetlands supply 75% of the world's accessible fresh water.
- More than 1/3 of the world's major cities rely on drinking water from forested areas. While demand for fresh water is rising, supply is growing scarcer.



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Programme

Tuesday 8 September 2015 (Hall 3A)		Wednesday 9 September 2015 (Hall 3A)	
10:00-10:45	Introduction to the International Forests and Water Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Nomvula Mokonyane, <i>Minister of Water and Sanitation, South Africa</i> Mike Wingfield, <i>IUFRO President</i> 	10:00-10:45	Forests and Water in Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maharaj Muthoo, <i>Roman Forum President</i> Thomas Hofer, <i>FAO</i>
10:45-12:00	Discover Forests and Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Ellison, <i>Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences</i> Irena F. Creed, <i>Western University, Canada</i> Richard Harper, <i>IUFRO Task Force on Forests, Water and Soil Interactions</i> 	10:45-13:00	Forests and Water Network Discussion Groups Discuss the expectations for an international forests and water network: How would you like to benefit from the Network? How could members contribute? What support would be useful to advocate to policymakers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oliver Frith, <i>INBAR</i>
12:45-14:15	Lightning Talks Rapid-fire presentations on the latest research on forests and water. Get the answers to your questions during a discussion period.	14:00-15:00	From Discourse to Action The official launch of <i>Forests and Water – a five-year action plan</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lusenga Lindiwe, <i>Deputy Director General of Department of Water and Sanitation, South Africa</i>
14:15-15:35	Forests and Water in Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philip Dobie, <i>ICRAF</i> H.E. Belete Tafere, <i>Minister of Environment and Forestry, Ethiopia</i> 	15:30-17:00	Dialogue in Review and the Way Forward Journalist Debora Patta, <i>CBS Africa Correspondent</i> , moderates the review panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas Hofer, <i>FAO</i> Irena F. Creed, <i>Western University, Canada</i> Richard Harper, <i>IUFRO Task Force on Forests, Water and Soil Interactions</i> Tony Simons, <i>ICRAF Director General</i> Anders Malmer, <i>SLU Global Director</i> Hans Friederich, <i>INBAR Director General</i> Lotta Samuelson, <i>SIWI</i> Tatenda Mapeto, <i>IFSA</i>
15:35-17:30	World Café Visit examples of forest-water interactions from around the world. Discover best practices, and share lessons learned and your forest-water experiences. Network with organizations engaged in the forests and water topic. Featuring: Mangroves, Ecosystem Services, South Africa, the Mediterranean, Participatory Governance, Watershed Management and Integrated Landscapes.		

Friday 11 September 2015: Side Event (Hall 2C)	
12:45-13:00	Introduction: the importance of Forests and Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas Hofer, <i>FAO Team Leader for Mountains and Watersheds</i> Eduardo Mansur, <i>FAO Division Director, Forestry Department</i>
13:00-13:35	Reporting from the Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexander Buck, <i>IUFRO Executive Director</i> Elaine Springgay, <i>FAO Forestry Officer (Forests and Water)</i> Hans Friederich, <i>INBAR Director General</i> Maharaj Muthoo, <i>Roman Forum President</i>
13:35-14:15	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas Hofer, <i>FAO Team Leader for Mountains and Watersheds</i>

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