



THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

International Plantation Certification Symposium 2007

**“Impact of Certification on Plantation
Forestry”**

18 – 21 September 2007

**Department of Forest and Wood Science, Stellenbosch
University, Stellenbosch, South Africa**

<http://www.sun.ac.za/forestry/Symposium2007/Symp2007.html>



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About the Symposium

The Department of Forest and Wood Science, **Stellenbosch University** and the **Southern African Institute of Forestry**, in collaboration with the Program on Forest Policy and Governance, **Yale University**; the School of Forest Resources, **Pennsylvania State University**; the School of Government, **University of Tasmania**; and the **International Union of Forest Research Organisations** (IUFRO) Divisions 1 (Silviculture) and 5 (Forest Products), are proud to announce the presentation of an international ***Plantation Certification Symposium 2007*** in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The aim of this symposium is to reflect on the effect that forest certification has had during the past ten years on plantations, in terms of their social, operation (including environmental) and economic sustainability.

Symposium Themes

The symposium will address the following themes during a formal **symposium session** and a more informal interactive **workshop session**:

Formal symposium sessions:

- General impact of certification on plantation forestry.
- Impact of certification on the social, economic and environmental aspects of plantations.

Interactive workshop session:

- The promotion and marketing of certified products.

Call for papers and posters

The call for papers for the symposium is now closed. Requests to deliver papers will now only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Symposium delegates are, however, still welcome to present posters at the symposium. Poster abstracts will also be published in the symposium proceedings if submitted to Cori Ham (coriham@mweb.co.za) before 10 September 2007.

Dates and Deadlines

31 July 2007	Early registration deadline
15 August 2007	Submission of full paper
10 September 2007	Late registration deadline
17 September 2007	Pre-conference social excursion
18 – 20 September 2007	Symposium sessions
21 September 2007	Workshop session

Venue

The symposium will be hosted in Stellenbosch at the Oude Libertas Conference centre (<http://www.oudelibertas.net/>). For more information on Stellenbosch see the symposium website and second announcement.

Provisional programme

Monday 17 September 2007		
08h00 – 15h00	Social excursions	
15h00 – 17h30	Registration and putting up posters	
Tuesday 18 September 2007		
08h00	Registration	
08h30		
09h00	Official opening	Dr. Moshibudi Rampedi - Deputy Director General: Forestry – Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
09h30	Plantation certification and sustainability	Heiko Liedeker - Director FSC
10h00	New generation plantations	Margareta Reinström - WWF International
10h30	Tea	
General impact of certification on plantations		
11h00	The influence of FSC certification on the South African Forest industry – a review	Michal Brink and Gerrit Marais - Forestry Solutions and SGS Qualifor
11h30	An Assessment of the social, environmental and economic impacts of forest certification in Australia	Fred Gale - University of Tasmania
12h00	The repercussion of plantation certification on the establishment and management of Malaysian forest plantations in the coming decades	Hashim Md Noor, Ahmad Zuhaidi Yahya and Rosdi Koter - Forest Research Institute of Malaysia
12h30	Impact of certification on plantations - Challenges and Lessons from Zambia's Forestry Sector Workshop on Plantations	Ngandwe, P., Njovu, F.,Banda, M.K and Shakacite, O. – FSC National Initiative Zambia and Copperbelt University
13h00	Lunch	
14h00	The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Program: Working to ensure the sustainability of North America's planted forests	Rick Cantrell – Sustainable forestry initiative
14h30	FFCS forest certification - a PEFC compatible procedure for farm forestry in Finland	Esko Mikkonen – University of Helsinki
15h00	FSC in Chile: opportunities and challenges, the experience of a group certificate holder	Rene Muxica – PROCER
15h30	Tea	
16h00	Benefits of certification for sustainable land use management in South Africa	Ivan Muir – SGS Qualifor

16h30	Review of FSC's policy for plantation certification	Sarah McKay - FSC
17h00	Closure and summary	
17h15	Poster session*	
18h00	Welcoming reception	
Wednesday 19 September 2007		
08h30 – 17h00	Field excursion to observe the impact of certification on MTO plantations in and around Cape Town	
Thursday 20 September 2007		
Impact of certification on the social, economic and environmental aspects of plantations		
08h30	Role of incentives to promote certification: Case studies from Bolivia, Canada, Malaysia and Russia	Michael Jacobson – Pennsylvania State University
09h00	Impacts of FSC certification on plantation management	Sarah McKay - FSC
09h30	Past, Present and Future - What's achievable in terms of sustainability, plantations and certification?	Richard Donovan - Rainforest Alliance/ Smartwood
10h00	Long term agreements between certification stakeholders	Benjamin Cashore – Yale University
10h30	Tea	
11h00	Assisting indigenous resource owners to develop and benefit from their resources through community forestry in Papua New Guinea	Caroline Imun - Foundation for People and Community Development
11h30	A review of social auditing approaches in the agricultural and forestry sectors in South Africa	Jeanette Clark - Consultant
12h00	The FSC plantation review and its potential impact on forest certification in South Africa	John Scotcher – FSC National Initiative South Africa
12h30	The implementation of PCI&S management framework in South Africa: The baseline review of the current management at Amanzamnyama and Sokhulu FMUs in Eastern Cape and Kwazulu Natal.	Maleka Mmakwena and Paxie Chirwa – Department of Water Affairs and Forestry and University of Stellenbosch
13h00	Lunch	
14h00	Out of Africa: Certification and non-conversion - the miombo example	Dave Pepler - SSC
14h30	Framework for weighing ZAFFICO plantations against the Forest Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria	Phillimon Ngandwe and S. Syampungani – FSC National initiative and Copperbelt University, Zambia

15h00	Monitoring of high conservation value forests along the coastal belt of the Western Cape Province	Georg von dem Bussche – Consultant
15h30	Tea	
16h00	Mainstreaming grassland biodiversity into forest certification – the concept of high conservation value areas	Therese Brinkcate and Steve Germishuysen – WWF South Africa
16h30	Creating a demand for FSC timber products in South Africa	Cori Ham – University Stellenbosch
17h00	Closure and summary	
17h15	Poster session*	
19h00	Symposium dinner	
Friday 21 September 2007		
Workshop - The promotion and marketing of certified products		
08h30	Introduction to the topic	Therese Brinkcate – WWF South Africa
09h00	Trade networks and buyers groups – The European example	Margareta Reinström - WWF International
09h30	The marketing of an ecolabel	Heiko Liedeker, Director FSC
10h00	What are the benefits of selling certified products?	Group discussions
10h30	Tea	
11h00	Feedback	Plenary session
11h30	Certification and corporate social responsibility	Gerrit Marais – SGS Qualifor
12h00	How to raise awareness of certified products in developing countries such as South Africa?	Group discussion
12h30	Feedback	Plenary session
13h00	Summary and closure	
13h00	Lunch	
15h00	Departure	

* Posters will also be on display during tea and lunch breaks

Social programme, accommodation and transport

See the symposium website and second announcement for more details
<http://academic.sun.ac.za/forestry/Symposium2007/Symp2007.html>

Registration information

Fees

The following registration fees apply to the symposium:

Category	Early registration (Before 31 July 2007)	Late registration (Before 10 September 2007)
Delegates		
Three day symposium (18 to 20 September 2007)	ZAR 2 500.00	ZAR 2 900.00
Final day workshop (21 September 2007)	ZAR 300.00	ZAR 300.00
Students		
Three day symposium (18 to 20 September 2007)	ZAR 1 400.00	ZAR 1 600.00
Final day workshop (21 September 2007)	ZAR 300.00	ZAR 300.00
Accompanying persons		
	ZAR 1 600.00	ZAR 1 800.00

The fees for delegates and students include entrance to conference venue, conference proceedings, a conference bag, the welcoming reception, symposium dinner, lunches and teas and the field excursion

The fees for accompanying persons include a conference bag, the welcoming reception, symposium dinner and the field excursion.

Registration and payment

Registration fees are payable in South African Rands (ZAR) and should be paid according to the instructions on the registration form included in this announcement. Registration will only be confirmed once payment of registration fees has been made. We regret that no payment will be accepted at the symposium. The last day for registration fee payment is on 10 September 2007.

Please complete the registration form and e-mail or fax it to Ms. Poppie Gordon at mgor@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 3603.

Cancellation of registration

For cancellations before 1 August 2007 the full amount less an administration fee of ZAR 200 will be refunded. For cancellations made after 1 August 2007, a refund of 50% will be made. No refunds will be made after 10 September 2007.



Registration Form *International Plantation Certification Symposium*

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Please complete and return this form along with payment to the Symposium manager, Mrs Poppie Gordon at either:

*Department of Forest and Wood Science, Private Bag X1, Matieland, 7602 or Fax: +27 21-808 3603
or E-mail: mgor@sun.ac.za*

REGISTRATION FORM

1. DELEGATE CONTACT DETAILS

Last Name:		Title (e.g. Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Prof):	
First Name:			
Name on Name Tag:			
Organisation:			
Position:			
Mailing address:			
Suburb/Town:			
Country/State:			
Telephone (business):		Facsimile:	
Telephone(mobile):		Email:	

2. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Please note any specific dietary or other requirements (e.g. vegetarian meals or wheelchair access)

3. TRAVEL COMPANION

Name:	Title:
First name:	

4. SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Categories (Cost per person)	Accompanying person (ZAR)	Student (ZAR)		Delegate (ZAR)		Cost (ZAR)
		Symposium	Workshop	Symposium	Workshop	
Early Registration	1 600	1 400	300	2 500	300	
Late Registration Fee	1 800	1 600	300	2 900	300	
Social Excursion	500					
Total:						

PAYMENT DETAILS

Please deposit amount payable into the following accounts (please note that there are separate accounts for South Africa - domestic- bank transfers and international bank transfers) and fax remittance to Mrs Poppie Gordon

Account name:	<u><i>South African bank transfers</i></u>	<u><i>International bank transfers</i></u>
Bank:	University of Stellenbosch	University of Stellenbosch
	Standard Bank, Stellenbosch	First National Bank, Cape Town Branch
	Branch	
Branch code:	050610	204109
Account number:	073006955	621 0717 7083
Swift Code:		FIRNZAJJ796
Amount paid:		Date paid:
Method of Payment:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque payment	<input type="checkbox"/> Money order or bank draft	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card

Credit Card Payment

Date (DDMMYY):	
Initials and surname:	
Identity number / Passport number:	
Type of card (e.g. Diners, VISA):	
Credit card number:	
CVC (Additional 3 digits at the back of the card):	
Expiry date (MMYY):	
Date: _____	Signature: _____

I _____, the undersigned wish to register for the Plantation Certification Symposium, 2007 in Stellenbosch, and understand the registration terms and conditions as outlined on the Symposium's web page (<http://www.sun.ac.za/forestry/Symposium2007/Symp2007.html>) and in the Third Announcement.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Invoice Issued	Confirmed Receipt of Payment	Confirmed Registration