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This is the **Newsletter of IUFRO's Special Project World Forests, Society and Environment (IUFRO WFSE)**. It is meant for sharing the latest news and information about the special project's current activities with IUFRO officeholders, member organizations, WFSE partners, donors and the members of the WFSE-network from research organizations and universities around the world.

NEWS

WFSE Side Event at XIV World Forestry Congress, Durban: Opportunities and challenges for harnessing local forest management to improve rural livelihoods in Africa

The WFSE Side Event took place during the first day of the congress 7th September. It focused on challenges and opportunities to enhance rural incomes and livelihoods from forest or trees. The presentations highlighted common elements to draw some general conclusions on the opportunities to improve rural incomes from forests and trees, and to identify challenges that are shared across the continent.

Glenn Galloway, chair of WFSE Steering Committee, moderated the event.

Programme:

Eshetu Yirdaw, University of Helsinki, Finland: Rehabilitation of degraded forest and woodland ecosystems for livelihoods and ecosystem services in Ethiopia

Fernanda Tomaselli, University of British Columbia, Canada: Opportunities and challenges for small forest-based enterprises in the Gambia

Almeida Siteo, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique: Community rights and participation in the face of new global interests in forests and lands: the case of Mozambique



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Guillaume Lescuyer, CIFOR, Indonesia: How domestic timber markets contribute to local livelihoods: Insights from Central Africa?

Pia Katila, Natural Resources Institute Finland: Wider view on opportunities and challenges to enhance forest and tree incomes and the realities in Africa

Glenn Galloway, University of Florida, US: Synthesis and implications for research and development efforts

The presentations are available at:

<http://www.iufro.org/science/special/wfse/wfse-news/>

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Special Issue for Forests “Incentives and Constraints of Community and Smallholder Forestry”

This Special Issue brings together case studies of communities that have been subjected to specific efforts for promoting community forestry, or communities that have adapted to new opportunities for transforming forest management activities as a strategy for improving livelihoods. The Special Issue will include case studies from tropical Latin America, Africa, and Asia. The Guest Editors for this Special Issue are Wil de Jong, Pia Katila, Glenn Galloway and Pablo Pacheco. For more information and to read already published papers visit:

http://www.mdpi.com/journal/forests/special_issues/community_smallholder

Special Issue for *International Forestry Review* “Shifting global development discourses: Implications for forests and livelihoods”

Twenty articles are currently being developed for this Special Issue. It aims at increasing the understanding of the scope and horizon of the new environmental development discourses and how they may influence forestry and forest-related livelihoods. The Guest Editors for this Special Issue are Pia Katila, Wil de Jong, Glenn Galloway and Pablo Pacheco.

WFSE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 2015

The IUFRO WFSE Steering Committee meeting convened in Durban South Africa 8th September 2015 in connection with the World Forestry Congress. Jose J. Campos (CATIE), Glenn Galloway (University of Florida), Sven Günter (vTI), Pia Katila (IUFRO WFSE Coordinator, Luke), Michael Kleine (IUFRO), Robert Nasi (CIFOR), Plinio Sist (CIRAD) and Eshetu Yirdaw (Vitri) participated in this meeting. The coordinator reported on the activities and finances of the project in 2014 and the first half of 2015. The other main items discussed were the activities planned for 2016, financial situation of the project and possible themes for WFSE in the future.



SEASON'S GREETINGS &

Thank you for your valuable support to the WFSE-project during the past year. We look forward to continuing this fruitful collaboration in 2016.

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