



# IUFROLAT 2013

## Third IUFRO Latin American Congress

The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) and the Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) will jointly organize the Third IUFRO Latin American Congress, to be held in San Jose, Costa Rica from 12 to 15 June 2013. Partners in this event are the Ibero American Model Forest Network (RIABM), FAO and several IUFRO member organizations in the region.

In addressing the advances and challenges of forest sector development, the Congress will provide a platform for researchers, academics, the commercial private sector, trade unions, journalists and communicators and policy makers to share and exchange information and experiences on critical issues affecting tree resources and forest landscapes in Latin America.

The overall goal of the congress is to demonstrate how forest science is impacting on livelihoods, environment and sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean Region. The congress will highlight research that puts relevant information in the hands of decision makers in the management and policy arenas at national and regional levels.

**Official languages of the Congress will be Spanish, Portuguese and English.**

**More information will be released in coming months**

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### First Announcement

And more...

- Besides an extensive scientific programme: the congress offers opportunities for networking and discussions on research cooperation.
- Local and regional research partners are invited to organize side events for initiating and/or intensifying cooperative action.
- One day field trip offering several options including a visit to a Model Forest, long-term forest management research site or a roundtable for science-policy interactions with national decision makers.
- Pre-congress training workshop organized by IUFRO-SPDC
- Several IUFRO committee meetings including the IUFRO Board Meeting and IUFRO-WFSE Steering Committee Meeting will be held in conjunction with the congress.