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STRENGTHENING GLOBAL TEAK RESOURCES AND MARKETS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

3rd WORLD TEAK CONFERENCE 2015
May 11 - 15 • Guayaquil - Ecuador

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Teak (Tectona grandis L.f.) has gained worldwide recognition as the most preferred tropical hardwood reputed for its exceptionally superior physical, mechanical and aesthetic qualities. Although it takes only a small position in the volume of world timber production and trade, teak is one of the tropical hardwoods in high demand for the luxury market and for heavy duty applications. Natural teak forests occur in only four countries in the world: India, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand. With the total log export ban of natural teak from Myanmar, attention is now focussed on the supplies of short-rotation logs from planted teak forests. Since the 1980’s, teak has attracted large-scale investments from the private sector in approx. 70 countries throughout tropical Asia, Africa, Latin America and Oceania. Growing private investment in teak plantations is a clear indication of the perceived potential of the species, although deforestation and unprofessional management have substantially reduced the area of natural stands. The global teak plantations are estimated to cover around 4 million ha, of which Asia holds more than 90%. The global teak exports including shipments of plantation logs and sawn timber from Africa and Latin America are directed towards India which absorbs 70 to 100% of global trade.

Ecuador is an important teak growing country and the largest teak exporting country in Latin America. The government of Ecuador has launched a national support program that provides financial incentives for reforestation with commercial species, among them teak. The goal of this program is to reforest 120,000 ha in 5 years. It is estimated that today, more than 1200 teak plantations cover an area of approx. 46,000 ha in Ecuador. The annual export of round logs and sawn timber to mainly Asian countries amounts to approx. 150,000 m³.

World Teak Conferences have been held so far in Costa Rica (2011) and Thailand (2013). They attracted worldwide attention of plantation managers, growers, investors, scientists and researchers.

The 3rd World Teak Conference with the theme - Strengthening Global Teak Resources and Markets for Sustainable Development will address the most crucial issues of the global teak sector, including:

- Evaluation of existing management models and programmes for the sustainable management and genetic conservation of teak resources,
- Analysis of the market structures and value chains of teakwood trading and their impact on the profitability of teak investments,
- Quality concerns of planted teak and its impact on marketability,
- Analysis of the policy framework and related structural obstacles and financing barriers for teak investments,
- Evaluation of private and public investments in the teak sector and its impacts on socio-economic conditions and rural livelihoods,
- Developing strategic, conceptual and operational recommendations in support of the sustainable development of the teak sector.

The conference is targeted to both public and private sectors concerned with teak plantation management, including small holders, traders, processing industries, forest departments, policy makers and scientists. The conference will also be used as an opportunity to convene a Steering Committee Meeting of TEAKNET and to strengthen TEAKNET’s coverage of Latin American and African countries.
OBJECTIVES

The conference with the theme “Strengthening Global Teak Resources and Markets for Sustainable Development” is focusing on economical, social, technical and environmental issues that have an impact on the production, marketing and trade of teakwood. It will facilitate the transfer of knowledge and technology among teak growing countries and strengthen the globalization of TEAKNET.

THE EVENT IS PLANNED TO CENTER AROUND THE FOLLOWING MAJOR THEMES:

Session 1: Economics, investments and trade
Session 2: Genetics, tree improvement, silviculture and wood quality
Session 3: Management models for different value chains, including smallholder forestry
Session 4: Teak plantation management and environmental protection

VENUE AND DATE

The venue of the conference will be at the Hilton Colon in Guayaquil, the largest and most populous city in Ecuador and the country’s main port. The hotel is located at Av. Francisco de Orellana Mz. 111, ca. 10 minutes away from the international airport. Guayaquil features a tropical savanna climate. The climate is hot and humid, with usually cloudy mornings and very agreeable afternoon and evening breezes. Ecuador’s official language is Spanish and the currency is US dollar.

ORGANIZERS

The conference will be organized by Asociación Ecuatoriana de Productores de Teca y Maderas Tropicales (ASOTTECA), an association of private companies growing and exporting teak in Ecuador under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, Rome; International Teak Information Network (TEAKNET), India and the Teakwood Working Party-5.06.02 of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), Austria.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION

Limited funds will be available to support the participation of invited speakers.
IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Invited papers

Abstract Submission Deadline 31 December 2014
Notification of Acceptance 31 January 2015
Author Registration Deadline 15 April 2015

Registration

Registration opens 1 September 2014
End of Early Bird Registration 31 January 2015
Registration Deadline 15 April 2015

CONFERENCE WEB PAGE

All the workshop announcements and information are available on the website: www.worldteakconference.com

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE WORKSHOP

The official languages of the workshop are English and Spanish. Translation into both languages will be available.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Eminent experts in various fields of Tropical Timber Development and businesses will be invited from around the world to deliver Keynote address in the four major theme of the conference.

In addition to keynote speeches, presentations will include country reports, plenary papers, invited status papers and those papers which directly address the theme of the conference with newly emerging issues or research breakthroughs.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

Abstracts are required to be submitted online only. Please visit our website www.worldteakconference.com to submit your abstract. Authors will be notified by the scientific committee on whether their submitted paper will be accepted.

Format and characters

The first page should contain the title, the authors, and a footnote giving the authors’ affiliation.
A4 (210 x 297 mm) white bond paper, all margins set to 2.5 cm, font size 12, Times New Roman, no syllabication, no indentation, italics for Latin names, single-spaced lines with one free line between paragraphs.
Abstract papers should take max 300 words only.
Do not use “all caps” in titles or heading. Headings and subheadings should be flush left in upper and lower case letters.
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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Néstor Medrano, General Manager MENPROE
Bianca Dáger, Corporate Director SAMBITO
Walter Kollert, Planted Forests Officer, FAO, Rome
P. K. Thulasidas, TEAKNET Coordinator, India.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Chairman: Lars Graudal, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.  
Co-chairman: P.K. Thulasidas, TEAKNET, India.

Session I: Economics, investments and trade  
Walter Kollert, FAO, Rome  
Mammen Chundamannil, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi, India  
Dominique Y. Leuba, Novelteak Costa Rica S.A., Costa Rica

Session II: Genetics, tree improvement, silviculture and wood quality  
Lars Graudal, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
P.K. Thulasidas, TEAKNET, India  
Jurgen Stock-Omar Carrero, PROTEAK, México

Session III: Management models for different value chains, including smallholder forestry  
Henri BAILLERES, ACIAR, Australia  
James Roshetko, ICRAF, Indonesia  
Edwin Jiménez Ruiz M.Sc., ESPOL, Ecuador

Session IV: Teak plantation management and environmental protection  
Markku Kanninen, University of Helsinki, Finland  
Stephen Midgley, Salwood Asia Pacific Pty Ltd, Australia  
Folkert Kottman, PANAMERICAN WOODS, Costa Rica
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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

REGISTRATION FORM

Online registration facility is available at the Conference Website www.worldteakconference.com

For any clarification you can contact the Conference Secretariat at fassambito@gmyrn.com

REGISTRATION FEE

Please note the early registration fee deadline. Take advantage of the savings by filling your registration before 31 January 2015.

The registration fee includes:

- Welcome cocktail
- Lunches and Refreshments during program breaks
- Conference material: Final program, abstract book and name badge that grants admission to all events
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**Field trip**

The one day field trip on May 15 will be an opportunity to demonstrate what was discussed during the 3 day conference. It will be at planted teak forests and teakwood sawmills in the coastal region of Ecuador. More information will be provided at the website, [www.worldteakconference.com](http://www.worldteakconference.com).

**Social events guest tickets**

Welcome cocktail is included in the registration fee. This will be on May 12th evening at the Isabela foyer lounge, Hotel Hilton Colon Guayaquil.

**Payment**

All payments must be made in US dollars online. Online registration provides payment by Visa/MasterCard. For more information please visit the website: [www.worldteakconference.com](http://www.worldteakconference.com).

**Confirmation**

After the payment is received a confirmation letter will be sent. Please bring the confirmation letter with you to assist us with your registration onsite.

Important note for international wire transfers: Once the deposit or wire transfer has been made, you must send by e-mail the deposit receipt or a document certifying that the transaction has been made. And at the time of the event, this document (hard copy) must be presented at the information Desk. For local participants, in case you are in the city, you must come to our sale points and submit the hard copy of the deposit receipt so as to issue and deliver the corresponding invoice.

**Cancellation**

The organizing committee of the World Teak Conference 2015 will not refund any amount of money to those participants who will not be able to participate in any of the activities they may have signed up for under any grounds, whether on health grounds, logistics or any other reason. However, any registered person who is unable to attend can transfer their tickets to someone else, except for the EXPO stand, provided that they have notified it in no less than 48 hours prior to the event.
Accommodation

Different hotels in Guayaquil provide a wide choice of accommodation ranging from luxury suites to economy class double/single rooms. Advance booking is generally necessary. However, the participants are responsible to make their own hotel reservation and settle their hotel bills before departure.

For more details regarding your accommodation, please check the website in Conference Information under Travel and accommodation where you will see a link to a presentation with the contact of the Hilton Colon Hotel and nearby hotels with their individual prices.

Passport / Visa

Overseas participants may contact the nearest Ecuador High Commission/Embassy/Consulate or their travel agent to find out visa requirements for entry into Ecuador.

After the payment of the registration fee for the conference, you can request online an invitation letter from the organizers for applying visa.

For more details about visa information go to: http://www.embassyecuador.ca/index.php?id=consular&nro=2

Health insurance

All participants should meet their own insurance for medical care and hospital treatment. Please check vaccination requirements from your travel agent.

Banks/Currency/Credit cards

FOREIGN TRANSFERS

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BRANCH: GUAYAQUIL
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BENEFICIARY: SOLUCIONES AMBIENTALES SAMBITO S.A.
SWIFT CODE: BBOLECEG100
Foreign currency and travellers checks can be changed at all commercial banks during banking hours in Guayaquil. The banks open Monday-Friday 08.30-15.30 hrs. The Ecuador monetary unit is USD; 1 Euro = 1.36 USD (approx.). Visa and MasterCard and Diners international are accepted at most of the banks, hotels and super markets.

OTHER FACILITIES

The following services will be available for the participants at the venue during the Conference.

**Information desk:**
A meeting point for delegates for personal messages/ correspondence during the workshop.

**Business center:**
A facilities like E-mail, Fax, Telephone, Computers and Xerox copiers are available at Business center. Some services are subject to be charged.

**Internet cafe:**
Computers with internet are available at the Sal y Pimienta coffee shop at the hotel.

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