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 UNFF 11

Enhancing forest-related development: Community and smallholder forestry in the nexus of markets, policy, and implementation

The Side Event took place during the first day of UNFF 11. It focused on conditions that appear to be important for enhancing progress towards improved forest-related livelihoods and sustainable resource management and community and smallholder forestry as important strategies towards this end. The side event conveyed key messages for increasing the effectiveness of policies and associated measures that aim at harnessing forests for sustainable development.

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

Programme:
- John Parrotta, IUFRO Vice-President: Opening remarks
- Peter Holmgren, Center for International Forestry Research, CIFOR: Changing forests under shifting institutional and economic contexts
- Pia Katila, Natural Resources Institute, Finland: Enabling conditions for enhancing forest-based livelihoods
- Glenn Galloway, University of Florida, USA: Interaction among markets, policies and implementation
- Wil de Jong, Kyoto University, Japan: The way forward in smallholder and community forestry.

Discussion

The presentations will soon be available at the WFSE web-page: http://www.iufro.org/science/special/wfse/

New Issue Brief 1/2015: Management of natural tropical forests for the future


Issue Brief 1/2014 translated to French and Spanish

The French and Spanish versions of the Issue Brief “Synergistic policies and measures are the key to advancing sustainable forest management and forest-based development” are available at WFSE www-page: http://www.iufro.org/science/special/wfse/.
CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Special Issue for Forests “Incentives and Constraints of Community and Small-holder 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 their own livelihoods. The proposed 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. Deadline for manuscript submissions is 15 September 2015. For more information visit: http://www.mdpi.com/journal/forests/special_issues/community_smallholder

Call for papers on the topic “Shifting global development discourses: Implications for forests and livelihoods”

The call for papers on this theme has been closed. It generated altogether 30 abstracts of proposed papers. Accepted contributions will be published in a Special Issue in the International Forestry Review in early 2017. The Guest Editors for this Special Issue are Pia Katila, Wil de Jong, Glenn Galloway and Pablo Pacheco.

COMING EVENTS

WFSE Side Event at World Forestry Congress

In the connection of the World Forestry Congress in Durban, South Africa WFSE will organize the side event “Opportunities and challenges for harnessing local forest management to improve rural livelihoods in Africa”. The event has been scheduled for Monday 7th September at 12:45-14:15. Tentative program of the event:

Moderator: Wil de Jong, Kyoto University, Japan

Presentations:
1) Eshetu Yirdaw, University of Helsinki, Finland: Rehabilitation of degraded forest and woodland ecosystems for livelihoods and ecosystem services in Ethiopia
2) Fernanda Tomaselli, University of British Columbia, Canada: Opportunities and challenges for small forest-based enterprises in the Gambia
3) Almeida Sitoe, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique: Community rights and participation in the face of new global interests in forests and lands: the case of Mozambique
4) Pablo Pacheco, CIFOR, Indonesia: Can domestic timber markets contribute to local livelihoods?
5) Pia Katila, Natural Resource Institute Finland: Wider view on opportunities and challenges to enhance forest and tree incomes and the realities in Africa
6) Glenn Galloway, University of Florida, US: Synthesis and implications for research and development efforts

Discussion

WFSE Steering Committee meeting

The next IUFRO WFSE Steering Committee meeting will be held in September 2015 in Durban, South Africa, in connection with the World Forestry Congress.

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