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7-11 September 2015



WFC2015
XIV World Forestry Congress

Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable Future



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- Largest and most significant gathering of world forestry sector
- Held every six years
- First congress Rome (1926)
- Most recent events in Canada (2003) & Argentina (2009)
- Past events have attracted 3,000-7,000 participants
- Participants from different countries, regions and sectors, public and private organizations, and civil society



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WFC 2015: Durban, South Africa




- First time ever that the Congress will be held in Africa
- Government of South Africa - as host - responsible for organization and financing
- FAO plays an advisory role and provides administrative and technical support



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Main themes



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Six sub-themes:

- ✓ Forests for socio-economic development and food security
- ✓ Building resilience with forests
- ✓ Integrating forests and other land uses
- ✓ Encouraging product innovation and sustainable trade
- ✓ Monitoring forests for better decision-making
- ✓ Improving governance by building capacity



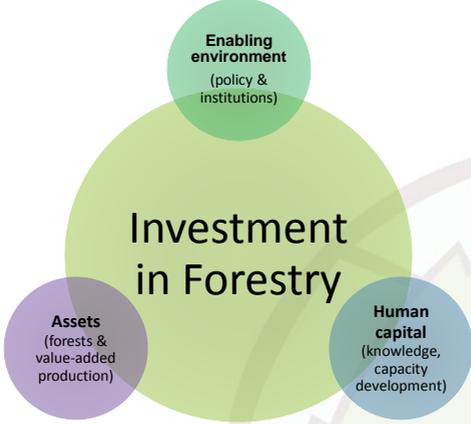
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Cross-cutting focus

Enabling environment
(policy & institutions)

Investment in Forestry

Assets
(forests & value-added production)

Human capital
(knowledge, capacity development)



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WFC 2015: Call for Abstracts



- Over 1400 submitted so far
- FAO manages the process and database
- Full guidance at www.fao.org/forestry/wfc

Please pass on information on the call for abstracts!

Key dates

Deadline: 15 December 2015
Now extended: 6 February 2015
 Notification: 23 February 2015
 Submission: 15 April 2015



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Highlights and special events

- Pre-Congress event on community forestry and forest producer organizations
- Launch of FRA 2015
- Innovation and Investment Forum
- International Forests and Water Dialogue
- Wildlife Forum (Collaborative Partnership on Wildlife)
- Special events on: Forests and Climate Change; Wood Energy; Forests for Future





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A dynamic congress

- Interactive sessions: interviews; debates; videos; performances; TEDX talks, cutting edge “hard talk” discussions with skilled moderators
- Social media campaign, live tweeting
- Voting/surveys through cell phones or special devices on the emerging key messages
- Share fairs, speed geeking
- Food and drinks from forest products
- Outdoor events
- Linking up with voices from the field – e.g. videos
- Photo contest and wood architecture contest



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Expected outcomes/impacts



- Not a declaration but key messages on the vision for future of forests and forestry
- Paving the way for world forestry's contribution to implementation of new post-2015 development agenda and for COP 21 in Paris
- Latest knowledge shared widely and in innovative ways



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We look forward to seeing you in Durban!




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