

**FAO International Meeting on Urban Forestry
"Trees Connecting People: In Action Together"**
Bogotá, Colombia, 29 July -1 August 2008

2nd/Last Announcement

The FAO International Meeting on Urban Forestry "Trees Connecting People: In Action Together", co-organized with IPES-Perú (see below the 1st Announcement) , intends to build partnerships and collaboration in the area of Urban Forestry with specific attention to developing countries - in line with FAO mandate. The meeting will convene about 50 experts from worldwide. Among the participants we can mention international institutions such as: French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD), Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning (KLV); European Urban Forestry Research and Information Centre (EUFORIC); Forest Survey of India (FSI), International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Promoción del Desarrollo Sostenible (IPES), Municipality of Montreal (Canada), Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAFA) of ETC-Foundation, UN-Habitat, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Participants will come from national institutions and countries such as: Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, France, Haiti, India, Italy, Malaysia, Mali, The Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Spain, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA. Participants are coming from FAO and other UN Agencies, Governmental Institutions, local authorities and municipalities, NGOs, universities and research centres, private sector and bilateral agencies.

Kindly [find below](#) the **Provisional Agenda**.

Should you be interested in participating, we would appreciate you to contact no later than 21 July 2008.

With kind regards,

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

28 July 2008 (Monday)

“Arrival of participants”

17:00 Registration (for participants located in Hotel Belvedere and Hotel La Feria)

19:00 Informal “Getting Together” at Hotel Belvedere

1ST Day – 29 July 2008 (Tuesday)

Session I: Welcome and Introduction

08:30 Registration

09:30 Opening Session

Welcome by the Mayor of Bogotá (*Mr. Samuel Moreno*)

Welcome by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Colombia (*Excmo. Sr. Andrés Felipe Arias Leiva*)

Welcome by the Minister of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development of Colombia (*Excmo. Sr. Juan Lozano*)

Welcome remarks by the FAO Representative in Colombia (*Mr. Luis Castello*)

10:00 *Coffee break*

10:30 Introductory Session

Introductory remarks “Trees Connecting People: In Action Together” (*Co-Organizers: FAO and IPES - Promotion for Sustainable Development*)

Self-presentation by the participants (*Each participant*)

Election of the Chairperson and the General Rapporteur by the Plenary (*Co-Organizers: FAO and IPES*)

Adoption of the Agenda (*Chairperson*)

Session II: “Urban Forestry on the International Agenda: Elements of the Puzzle”

11:00 Keynote “FAO and Urban Issues: Promoting the role of trees and forests for food security and improved livelihoods” (*Ms. Michelle Gauthier (FAO); Mr. Ignacio Bustos (FAO)*)

11:20 Keynotes “Some major forum related to urban and peri-urban forestry: three cases”.

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Case 1: “Two decades of networking and capacity building in urban forestry in Brazil” (*Antonio J. De Araujo, Brazil*)

Case 2: “The European Forum on Urban Forestry” (*Mr. Thomas Barfoed Randrup, University of Copenhagen, Denmark; Fabio Salbitano, University of Florence, Italy*)

Case 3: “Towards the 4th Chinese Forum on Urban Forestry and the 3rd Symposium on Urban Forestry of the Asia-European Meeting (ASEM)” (*Mr. Cheng Wang and Mr. Guangfa Qie, Chinese Academy of Forestry*)

Case 4: “Urban Environment, Vulnerability and Poverty Alleviation: Reporting to the World Urban Forums” (*Mr. Jorge Price, IPES-Peru and the Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security - RUAF; Mr. Walter Ubal, The International Development Research Centre - IDRC*)

12:00 Keynote “Challenges for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation: the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) 2015” (*to be confirmed*)

12:10 Plenary discussion

12:50 Logistical matters (*Co-Organizers*)

13:00 *Lunch*

Session III: “An Overview of Urban Forestry by Geographical Areas”

14:30 Keynote on Latin America: “Urban and Periurban Forestry in Latin America and the Caribbean: Overview and guidelines for its promotion” (*Gunther Merzthal, Regional Study Coordinator, IPES, Peru; in collaboration with Isabel Russo, National Forestry Service, Cuba; Rogerio Peña Siqueira, Brazil; and other participants*)

15:00 Keynote on Africa: “Periurban forests as a major source of domestic energy supply for African cities: New perspectives for sustainable forest management” (*J.-N. Marien, Regional Study Coordinator, CIRAD, France; in collaboration with Michael Idowu, Nigeria; Amadou Kassambara, Mali; Fabio Salbitano, Italy*)

15:30 Keynote on Asia and Pacific: “Urban trees and forests for healthy living in Asia-Pacific Region” (*Devendra Pandey, Regional Study Coordinator, Forest Survey of India, India; in collaboration with Azlin Yahya, Forest Research Institute of Malaysia; Cheng Wang and Mr. Guangfa Qie, Chinese Academy of Forest, China; and Thomas Barfoed Randrup, University of Copenhagen, Denmark*)

16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:30 Discussion in plenary

17:30 Preparation of the Working Groups (I to VI)

18:00 Closure of the day

19:00 *Welcoming Cocktail (Botanical Garden)*

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NOTE – The objective of these presentations is from one side, to introduce the key elements for need and constraints assessment and from another side, to inform on institutional expertise acquired in key thematic areas and by representative categories of service providers. The presentations will help the meeting to identify key needs areas, prioritize these needs by thematic and geographical areas, and identify the main categories of stakeholders to be involved. The final result expected from the Working Groups will be: i) a list of prioritized needs, constraints and beneficiaries match with the existing expertise available and offered, for concrete and efficient capacity building; and, ii) a list of recommendations for pre-identification of actions and initiatives.

2nd Day – 30 July 2008 (Wednesday)

Session IV: “Demand and Offer - Knowledge, practices, experiences, expertise”

- 09:00 Opening of the day – general remarks (*Chairperson*)
- 09:10 Keynote I: “Environmental and economic assets – goods and services valuation” (*Coordinated by Antonio de Araujo, Brazil; in collaboration with Francisco Escobedo, USA; and other participants*)
- 09:30 Keynote II: “Managing Lands, Forests and Trees - Good Practices and Constraints” (*Coordinated by Thomas Barfoed Randrup, Denmark and Pierre Jutras, Canada; in collaboration with other participants*)
- 09:50 Keynote III: “Participatory approaches, policy, legal, planning, decision-making and accountability” (*Coordinated by Walter Ubal, IDRC; in collaboration with inter alia Elizabeth Hannah, Italy; Philip Rodbell, USA; Isabel Russo, Cuba; and other participants*)
- 10:10 Keynote IV: “Support to Capacity Building: Communication & Outreach, Networking & Funding, Research & Education” (*Coordinated by Paulson Pierre-Philippe, Haiti/Canada and Pierre Bélec, Canada; in collaboration with inter alia Pepper Provenzano, USA; Noor Azlin Yahya, Malaysia; Fabio Salbitano, Italy; and other participants*)
- 10:30 Organization of Parallel Sessions A and B and respective Working Groups
- 10:45 Parallel Session A: Working Groups (WG) on “Demand and Offer - Knowledge, practices, experiences, expertise”
- a) Working Group I: “Environmental and economic assets – good and services valuation”
 - b) Working Group II: “Land and natural resources management practices”
 - c) Working Group III-a: “Participatory approaches, policy, planning, decision-making and accountability”
 - d) Working Group III-b: “Legal and institutional frameworks and measures”
 - e) Working Group IV: “Support to Capacity Building: Communication & Outreach, Networking & Funding, Research & Education”
- 10:45 Parallel Session B: “An Overview on Latin American Experiences”

Note: This Parallel Session will provide additional time for Oral Presentations specific to Latin America and Caribbean region. The presentations can also be followed by Working Groups I, II, III and IV as above but specifically for the region. The working language during Session IV would be Spanish; the reporting in Session V would be in English.

13:00 *Lunch*

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Session V: Working Groups Reporting & Pre-Identification of Action & Initiatives

- 14:00 Continuation of Parallel Sessions A and B and respective Working Groups
- 16:00 Working Groups reporting (*Coffee served during working group session*)
- 16:00 WG I Reporting on “Environmental and economic assets – good and services valuation” (*by WG I Rapporteur*)
- 16:15 WG II Reporting on “Land and natural resources management practices” (*by WG II Rapporteur*)
- 16:30 WG III-a reporting “Participatory approaches, policy, planning, decision-making and accountability” (*by WG III-a Rapporteur*)
- 16:45 WG III-b Reporting on “Legal and institutional framework and measures” (*by WG III-b Rapporteur*)
- 17:00 WG IV “Support to Capacity Building: Communication & Outreach, Networking & Funding, Research & Education”
- 17:15 Reporting on Latin America and Caribbean (Parallel Session B)
- 17:30 Discussion in Plenary
- 18:00 Closure of the day (Return to Hotels)

3th Day – 31 July 2008 (Thursday)

Session VI: Field Visit

- 08:30 Departure for field visit (“Community development and urban forestry in Bogotá”)
- 13:00 *Lunch (in Botanical Garden)*

Session VII: Together in Action – Writing Together Proposals & Concept Notes

- 14:00 Opening of the day – general remarks (*Chairperson*)
- 14:10 Organization of the Writing Teams – Writing together proposals & concept notes
- 14:30 Writing Teams – Writing together proposals & concept notes

Terms of Reference for Writing Teams

The objective of this session is to write concrete proposals for short and medium term, against priorities identified during previous sessions. The list below tentatively indicates some Clusters of Actions which may deserve priority attention by the meeting. Writing Teams will organize themselves in light of expected outputs identified during the meeting, with emphasis on those requiring immediate action after the meeting.

A “Concept Note format” would be made available prior the meeting – so participants can prepare themselves and eventually in synergy and collaboration with other participants, prior the Writing Session.

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Example of on “Clusters of Action” for Writing Teams developing proposals & concept notes:

- i) Proposing a participatory process to develop “Guidelines on urban and Periurban forestry for municipal policy and decision making”
- ii) Engaging in active networking (e.g. FAO Website “Forests and Trees for Healthy Cities – Improving Livelihoods and Environment for All”)
- iii) Seeking strategic funding, partnership and collaborative opportunities
- iv) Designing specific regional initiatives
- v) Designing specific national and sub-national initiatives
- vi) Drafting Meeting Recommendations
- vii) Drafting the “Declaration of Bogotá”

17:00 Closure of the day (Return to Hotels)

4th Day – 1 August 2008 (Friday)

Session VIII: The way forward “Trees Connecting People – Together in Action”

09:00 Opening of the day – general remarks (*Chairperson*)

09:10 Reporting of main findings from Writing Teams of Session VII

10:30 Plenary discussion (*coffee served during the plenary discussion*)

12:00 Drafting Committees on “Meeting Conclusions and Recommendations”

13:00 *Lunch*

Session IX: Conclusions and Recommendations

14:00 Presentation of meeting conclusions and recommendations (*Rapporteur General*)

Note: The invited guest for the Telephone/Video Conference will be attending the presentation.

14:30 Presentation of meeting recommendations for Latin America (*Rapporteur General*)

15:00 Telephone/Video Conference (by Special Invitees in Support to Meeting Recommendations)

15:30 Plenary discussion and adoption of the meeting recommendations

17:00 Closure of the meeting

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1st Announcement for Participants and Papers

1. INVITATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

We are pleased to announce an FAO International Meeting on Urban and Peri Urban Forestry.





This international meeting gathers worldwide institutions and experts, interested in collaboration and partnership in support to the capacity building of developing countries and in transition with the aim of optimizing the role of forests and trees for healthy cities.

The meeting will stimulate exchange among international and local stakeholders interested by decision making process, best practices, expertise acquired, lessons learned as well as opportunities for action. Another objective is to assist FAO in setting priority actions in its programme of work in urban and peri-urban forestry; it will also give recommendations to participating institutions. The participants will explore and define institutional ways of collaboration and partnership to implement coherent and good practices for a healthy urban development. Finally, the meeting will give strategic advice on the way to raise the profile of forests and trees on national, regional and world urban agendas. The vision is the contribution towards human settlements, and cities in harmony within their environment and improved livelihoods for all.

The meeting will be open to a wide range of interest groups concerned by the development of cities of various dimensions. Practitioners, policy and decision makers, scientists and civil society representatives, with interest at local, national and international levels, will find a forum of dialogue to cross perceptions of needs and build together short and long term options. Discussions will focus on thematic and regional issues, in part based on the background material prepared for the meeting as well as on the papers voluntarily shared by participants. Examples of proposed subjects are: the synergy between agriculture, forestry and greening in urban and peri-urban areas; wood energy; forest and tree inventory; participatory decision making; watershed management and payment for environmental services; carbon sequestration for mitigation of and adaptation to climate change; guidelines for municipal policy and decision making on urban forestry.

PROGRAMME

The programme of the four-day meeting will be organized as follows:

-  The 1st day will be dedicated to oral presentations from keynote, and other, speakers, followed by a poster session.
-  The 2nd day will provide a forum of discussions by working groups.
-  The 3rd day will begin with a half-day field trip, followed by other working group sessions.
-  The 4th day will bring the conclusions and recommendations in plenary and the closure of the event.

Each day, the programme will give special space to working groups and plenary sessions on Latin American issues.

The main results of the meeting will be conveyed to FAO and other international events related to urban issues.

AGENDA, VENUE & DATE

A "Second Announcement for Participants and Papers" will be announced on 30 June 2008 and posted on the FAO Website on Urban Forestry: <http://km.fao.org/urbanforestry/>. The venue and the preliminary agenda will be posted at that time.



2. ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PAPERS, ABSTRACTS & POSTERS

Participants are invited to submit abstracts on development, research and funding activities that are relevant to the event. The Advisory Committee will make a selection of abstracts for oral presentation during the sessions. There will also be an opportunity to present posters.

Abstracts for presentations should be submitted by 30 June 2008, by attachment to e-mail (.doc and PDF format only). Abstracts should be limited to 300 words. Please organize the abstract as follows: (1) title of the presentation; (2) authors(s) name(s) and affiliations; (3) email address and telephone number for the author to whom correspondence should be addressed; (4) the text of the abstract; (5) your choice of oral or poster presentation (we will try to accommodate this preference, but reserve the option to ask for presentations to be given as posters, if necessary).

Please, send your abstracts, posters and papers to: urban-forestry@fao.org.

Regarding oral presentations, the selected authors will be notified on the decision of the Advisory Committee by 7 July 2008.

Selected papers, abstracts and posters will be considered for publication.



SPONSORS OF PARTICIPANTS

If you are interested in sponsoring a participant, the Organizers can be of assistance in this selection.



REGISTRATION FEES

No registration fees are requested.



WORKING LANGUAGE

English.



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ORGANIZATION

The meeting is organized by the FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, in collaboration with IPES - Promoción del Desarrollo Sostenible (Peru).

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