

Shaping Roundtable Efforts After This Meeting

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Two Tasks Today

1. Tee up discussion of RSF activities regarding public review of 2010 National Report
2. Introduce 3 upcoming events and pose questions about potential RSF activities

Task #1 – Public Review of 2010 National Report

- Robertson discussed timeline for drafts and public review and comments
- I am looking forward to having COWG assistance in obtaining public review and comments

Public Review of Draft 2010 Report

- Question for RSF: Any advice for COWG as it develops plans for assisting in the public review of the draft 2010 report?

Transition to Task #2

- Questions/comments on review of draft 2010 report; now or later?
- Task #2: Introduce 3 upcoming events and pose questions about potential RSF activities

3 Upcoming Events

- XIIIth World Forestry Congress
 - October 2009 in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- International Union of Forest Research Organizations World Congress
 - August 2010 in Seoul, South Korea
- International Year of the Forest
 - 2011

XIIIth World Forestry Congress

- Organized & sponsored by UN-FAO
 - www.wfc2009.org
- 6000+ attendees expected
- Argentina is a Montreal Process member

XIIIth World Forestry Congress

- Theme:

Forests in Development: A Vital Balance

- Seven Focus Areas:

- Forests and biodiversity
- Producing for development
- Forests in the service of people
- Caring for our forests
- Forest sector development opportunities
- Organizing forest development
- People and forests in harmony

XIIIth World Forestry Congress

■ Montreal Process participation

- Countries intend to share their reports at the meeting; USA expects to share its draft
- MP Working Group will discuss additional plans at their meeting in Nov 2008

■ USA participation

- 40-60 people from FS and partners
- A USA booth in exhibition hall
 - Planning underway, led by Sandra Cantler, FS-IP
 - Team includes RSF members, University dean, SAF, the Wilderness Society, AF&PA, FS employees, and others

XIIIth World Forestry Congress

- Key question: How does Roundtable on Sustainable Forests want to engage?
 - Proposing discussion sessions/papers
 - Ideas due 30 June 2008??
 - Design of booth
 - What should the USA “brand image” be?
 - What content can RSF members provide to help illustrate that image?
 - Nominating members of USA contingent

2010 IUFRO World Congress

- Organized & sponsored by the International Union of Forest Research Organizations
 - www.iufro.org
- 2500 attendees expected
- South Korea is a Montreal Process member

2010 IUFRO World Congress

- Theme:

Forests for the Future: Sustaining Society and the Environment

- Focus areas are:

- Climate change adaptation and integrated carbon management
- Forest health
- Forest environmental services
- Interrelationships between forests and human health, environmental security and bio-cultural diversity
- ‘Green’ forest production and forest products
- Emerging technologies in the forest sector
- Future of forests in Asia

2010 IUFRO World Congress

- Montreal Process countries' participation
 - Not yet determined.
- USA participation
 - Estimated 150 scientists from universities, NGOs, and FS participating in sub-plenary and working group sessions
 - USA booth in exhibition hall

2010 IUFRO World Congress

- Key question: What role does the RSF want to play— perhaps largely through its university and FS R&D members—to advance the concepts of sustainability in the science arena?
 - Proposing concurrent sessions and papers
 - Proposing posters
 - Proposing “side events”
 - Design concepts for USA booth (reuse WFC booth and materials??)

2011 – The International Year of Forests

- Designated by the UN
- Goal:

To raise awareness and strengthen the sustainable forest management, conservation, and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations.

International Year of Forests

- Focal point for implementation is the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, on collaboration with
 - Governments
 - Collaborative Partnership on Forests (14 members)
 - Other relevant organizations & processes
- The bodies are expected to designate focal points in their respective countries to facilitate organization of activities in support of the International Year of Forests.

International Year of Forests

- Key Question: How does the Roundtable on Sustainable Forests want to engage?
 - Does RSF want to be one of the USA focal points? If so, to what end? Working with whom?
 - Does RSF want to help develop key messages about USA forests?
 - For domestic audiences?
 - For international audiences?
 - How to disseminate?
 - Does RSF want to provide a framework for national actions? Examples?
 - National policy on sustainable forests?

Concluding Slide

- Comments for COWG to consider as they plan steps to help obtain public review and comments on draft 2010 report?
- Ideas for RSF actions in support of
 - World Forestry Congress
 - IUFRO World Congress
 - International Year of Forests