

**Seventeenth Session
of the African Forestry
and Wildlife Commission**



**First African Forestry
and Wildlife Week**

**Brazzaville, Republic of Congo
22 – 26 February 2010**



African Forests & Wildlife:

**Response to the Challenges of
Sustainable livelihood Systems**



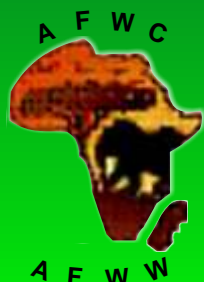
At the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Congo, the Seventeenth Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC) will be held in Brazzaville from 22 to 26 February 2010. At this meeting, the African continent will participate, for the first time ever, to an African Forestry and Wildlife Week (AFWW).

Created in 1959, the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC) is one of six Regional Forestry Commissions established by FAO to provide a policy and technical forum for countries to discuss and address forest and wildlife issues on a regional basis. It meets every two years.

The theme

The seventeenth session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC17) and the first African Forestry and Wildlife Week (AFWW1) share one theme: "African Forests and Wildlife: Response to the Challenges of Sustainable livelihood Systems". This theme seeks to contextualize the important contribution of forests and wildlife to reducing poverty, hunger and malnutrition in Africa. The introduction of an African Forestry and Wildlife Week has the added objective of drawing the attention of policy makers to the contribution of forests and wildlife to the national economy and also to the improvement of the livelihoods of the populations.

Renowned individuals from the public and private sectors and the academia will deliver keynote addresses with varying emphasis on the social, economic and environmental values of forests and wildlife and the need for their sustainable management.



A showcase of African forestry and wildlife sector

- ❖ Through side events, exhibitions/poster displays, video shows, and technical paper presentations, AFWC17 and AFWW1 will permit forest and wildlife managers and custodians of related natural resources to exchange knowledge, information and experiences to help inform policy at national and sub-regional levels.
- ❖ The first African Forest and Wildlife Week will thus show-case African forests and wildlife and their contribution to economic and social development in the continent, especially in the face of challenges posed by the current global financial and food crises and the impacts of Climate Change.

High turn out and diverse stakeholders expected

- ❖ Around 400 participants are expected to participate in the week's events. These will include forestry, wildlife and related natural resources policy makers and practitioners from the public, private, non-governmental and civil society organizations, international, regional and sub-regional organizations, the Academia, research and development partner countries, agencies and institutions.

Venue:

- ❖ Both events (AFWC17 and AFWW1) will be held simultaneously at the 'Palais du Parlement' in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, from 22 to 26 February 2010.

For more information concerning participation and organization of events, exhibitions, posters and video shows, please contact:

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