

# Advisory Panel on Forest Knowledge

Agenda Item 6.7



# Forestry Education in FAO

- By 1997 FAO had abolished its bodies on forestry education,
- Regional forestry commissions and COFO Session 20 and Forestry Evaluation in 2012 called for FAO to re-establish its forest education programme,
- FAO is reviving activities on **forestry education and research** issues at the **global and regional levels**, through e-learning, the development of toolkits and technical cooperation projects.



# Current Initiatives



7<sup>th</sup> Executive Forest Policy Course

**PEOPLE, LAND USE AND  
FORESTRY IN THE PACIFIC:  
POLICY CHALLENGES IN THE  
21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

Nadi, Fiji

12 – 23 May 2014

- **Forest policy courses** in the Asia Pacific
- **E-Learning modules**: Trade in forest commodities courses developed, with strong uptake and involvement of countries.

<http://www.fao.org/forestry/foresthealthguide/82418/en/>





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- **Regional needs assessment** on Forestry education and knowledge : Technical Cooperation Projects in the Near East, Latin America and Caribbean forthcoming
- Promotion of **Youth and Education** during the **World Forestry Congress 2015**

*Forest and People : Investing in a Sustainable Future*



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- A proposed FAO-led **Advisory Panel on Forestry Knowledge** (APFK) was introduced at COFO 20 in 2010, with the concept further developed at COFO 21 in 2012.
- **Informal APFK meetings** on forestry education and research have taken place at the regional level in:
  - Istanbul, Turkey (April 2013)
  - San José, Costa Rica (June 2013)
  - Namibia (October 2013)
  - New Zealand (November 2013)



# APFK Guidelines and modalities

- Goal
  - Strengthen global and regional forest knowledge networks;
  - Create education and research projects and activities with added-value;
  - Build a more capable forestry workforce in a cohesive, collaborative and informal manner to sustain the future of forest education and knowledge worldwide.





# Proposed APFK modalities

- Collaborative mechanism consisting of not more than 20 members from **global and/or regional organizations** and **institutions**
- **Informal meetings** held at least once a year or every two years in conjunction with FAO regional forestry commissions and international meetings.
- APFK members would select key **priority issues** to include in a biennial workplan to address gaps and needs in the forestry education and knowledge sector



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- Request FAO to **report back** on progress at the Committee's 23<sup>rd</sup> session
- Invite Committee members to **support** the operations of the APFK;
- **Guide** FAO how best to serve countries in this area.





# Thank you!

More information: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/en/>



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