

COFO 22 - World Forest Week - Side Event

24 June, 13.00-14.30 in the Facilitation Room [A048] of the Main Library

National Forest Monitoring and Assessment

- Countries' perspectives on streamlining guidelines

FAO has been supporting countries on forest monitoring for more than half a century and, together with experts around the world, has developed internationally harmonised approaches for forest monitoring which have been field tested in more than 50 countries. At present FAO is mandated by its member countries to develop "Voluntary Guidelines on National Forest Monitoring", and in this process it is important to evaluate countries' experiences from applying FAO's methods, tools and guidelines for assessing and monitoring their forestry resources, and listen to their recommendations.

At COFO plenary (Wed. June 25th - 15:00) FAO's "Voluntary Guidelines on National Forest Monitoring" will be presented and their development be officially deliberated. This **Side Event** will be an opportunity to dialogue in a more informal setting giving all participants the chance to share their experiences, challenges and solutions in a way that can be inspirational or instructive for other countries.

This discussion will revolve around two main questions:

What has worked well? and What can be improved?

These can be further analyzed with questions such as:

- *What are the main challenges encountered, how were they resolved?*
- *What are the most significant benefits from applying FAO's guidelines?*
- *What practical suggestions would you have for your colleagues in other countries that are currently involved or plan to start an NFI?*

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We encourage your participation and look forward to having a constructive dialogue with you.

Light refreshments will be available

