



# **WFC2015**

## **XIV World Forestry Congress**

*Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable Future*

### **Preparations for the XIV World Forestry Congress Special Event at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Forestry Week**

**Time:** Friday, 27 June 2014, 10:20 – 11:50

**Venue:** Green Room

You are cordially invited to this event jointly organized by the Government of the Republic of South Africa and FAO.

Please join the organizers to hear an overview of the preparations, and about the host country South Africa, the Province of KwaZulu-Natal and the venue in Durban; and to discuss how to:

- promote wide participation in the Congress
- ways in which the Congress can strengthen the role of forests and forestry in sustainable development; and to support the development of the sector in the national as well as international contexts, given the demands for multiple products and services from forests and global changes that increasingly require integrated approaches to land use.

#### **PROGRAMME:**

##### ***Opening***

Dr Nthabiseng Motete, Deputy Director- General of Forestry and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa

H.E. Mohammed S. Sheriff, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Liberia, Chairperson of the Africa Regional Group

Mr Eduardo Rojas-Briales, Assistant Director-General, FAO Forestry Department

##### ***Special interventions and presentations***

Dr Hosny El-Lakany, Chair of the Advisory Committee of the XIV World Forestry Congress

Ms Linda Mossop, Chair of Technical Support Team to International and Regional Negotiations, African Forest Forum, South Africa

Ms Sonto Mayise, Manager, Trade & Government Liaison, Durban KwaZulu-Natal Convention Bureau

Ms Siphelele Luthuli, Sales and Marketing, Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife

##### ***Facilitated dialogue and Q & A***

##### ***Closing remarks***

H.E. Minister Plenipotentiary, Ms Delina De Villiers-Steenkamp, Embassy of South Africa

##### **Co-chairs of the event:**

Ms Hester Obisi, Secretary-General of the XIV World Forestry Congress, South Africa

Ms Tiina Vahanen, Associate Secretary-General of the XIV World Forestry Congress, FAO