

## **Wrap up**

Workshop Program

Bridging the gap between forest information needs  
and forest inventory capacity

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11th June - Goettingen

Seminar on „International Forestry Policies, the role of National Forest Data and Information

7 and 8 September – Durban

World Forestry Conference

9 – 12 September - Pietermaritzburg

Workshop

# Workshop Participants

9 women  
18 men

9 Africa  
6 Asia  
4 South and latin America  
8 Europe

27 Participants

Countries Africa:  
Ethiopia  
Ghana  
Namibia  
South Africa  
Uganda

Countries Asia:  
Bangladesh  
China  
Indonesia  
Myanmar  
Nepal  
Tajikistan

South and  
Latin America:  
Brazil  
Guatemala  
Peru

Countries Europe:  
Germany  
Netherlands  
Spain

We cordially invite to the seminar on

## International Forestry Policies: The role of National Forest Data and Information

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 9:00 – 12:30  
Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude(ZHG) Göttingen, Room 105

### 09:00 - 09:45h **Operationalizing REDD+ - current challenges and realities from the field**

**MSc Sophia Carodenuto**, Consultant, UNIQUE forestry and land use

Ms Carodenuto works on international forestry and climate policies and its implementation focusing on REDD+ and FLEGT.

### 09:45 - 10:30h **Power and Politics in REDD+**

**Dr. Maria Brockhaus**, Senior Scientist, CIFOR

Dr. Brockhaus is a senior scientist with the CIFOR's Forests and Governance program, focusing mainly on policy and institutional change and policy and social network analysis.

### 10:30 - 11:00h **Coffee break**

### 11:00 - 11:45h **Promoting National Forest Inventories, FAO's lessons learned**

**Dr. David Morales-Hidalgo**, Forestry Officer, UN-FAO

Dr. Morales supports FAO activities on National Forest Monitoring and Assessment, providing capacity building on planning, set-up and implementing national forest monitoring systems to member countries.

### 11:45 - 12:30h **The German National Forest Inventory: an instrument for data provision on forestry and beyond**

**Dr. Gerald Kändler**, Head of the Department of Biometry at the Baden-Württemberg Forest Research Institute, Freiburg

Among other duties, Dr. Kändler is responsible for the implementation and analysis of the German NFI in the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg

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## Thematic areas covered

### Seminar 11. June

- Operationalizing REDD+
- Power and Politics in REDD+
- Promoting national forest inventories, FAO's lessons learned
- The German national forest inventory

### World Forestry Conference

Governance, Sustainable forest management, community forestry, monitoring and restoration, multisectoral dialogues, Inventory / monitoring, Forest and land use , Wood energy , Financing, Open source software tool, Silvicultural system, Forest Business Models, High level dialogue on Vitality of forests on Post 2015, development agenda, Integrating forests and other land use, Charcoal and wood energy for household supply, Genes, drones, and Satellites, Launch of FRA, International forests and water resources, Investing in sustainable landscape for a triple win, Opportunities and challenges for harnessing local forest, Role of genetics in forest management

# **World Forestry Conference**

## **Feed back**

- What was your interest in the conference
- Why did you want to join the WFC
- What did you expect from the WFC
- Did the WFC meet your expectation
- What were the main topics covered
- What would you do next time
- Whom did you meet beside our group
- Any general impression

# **World Forestry Conference**

## **Feed back**

- first time participating in a world conference
- meeting international people / networking
- latest forest information
- multi disciplinary and multi national discussions
- Plenary sessions with politicians, bigger picture of the sector which helps to relate to world issues
- next time a better preparation

## Thematic areas covered

### **Workshop**

#### Session 2 – Policy

Forest in South Africa, Forest information needs, Watershed Management, Community based conservation,

#### Session 3 – REDD

Carbon accounting models for plantations, Stand level biomass models, The curse of rare events, Carbon from plantations,

#### Session 4 – Monitoring

Unified framework for environmental monitoring, Assessing monitoring systems, Monitoring tools for ecological restoration, Scale dependent stand heterogeneity,

#### Session 5 – Remote sensing

Can remote sensing support forest management, Thermal imaging, UAV areal surveying,

#### Session 6 – Forest Management

Utilizing multi-source data, Estimation of growing stock, Trends of forest cover in Ethiopia, Challenges for the management of tropical forest in the context of climate change



## **Skills required during the workshop (1)**

- Preparing an academic paper
- Preparing and give a presentation
- Participate in discussions
- Moderation of a workshop session
- Writing minutes
- Balancing between formal and informal interaction

## **Skills required during the workshop (2)**

- Using and understanding the different country, sector and institutional languages
- Understanding the impact and implication of cultural diversity

## **Minutes of meetings**

- Minutes give a short summary of the presentations and the related discussions
- Questions after the presentation were dominantly of a technical nature and less strategical, conceptional and / or political
- The minutes can be looked at in AWF Wiki

## Final remark

This week showed a sensational opportunity because:

- Visiting a world conference
- Being together with representatives from 18 different countries
- During the workshop listening to 19 different presentations with a huge variety of topics
- Gaining experiences in managing, implementing and actively participating in an international workshop
- Establishing a network that can be used as often and as long as you need and want

“Bridging the gap” definitely need further considerations and discussion