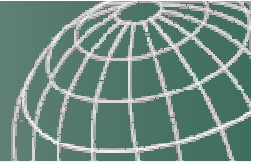




World Forestry Congress Draft Outline One Day WS on Regional Forest Cooperation



Overall purpose:

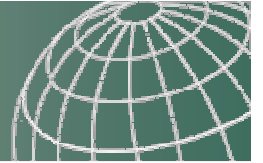
- **Promote enabling conditions for SFM at all levels through enhancing regional forest cooperation and bridging the gap between national and international processes**

Challenges:

- **High expectations from national and international level vis à vis regional organizations and initiatives**
- **Different mandates, functions, degrees of freedom, strengths and weaknesses of regional organizations and initiatives**

Objectives:

- **Create awareness and exchange on the high diversity of regional organizations and initiatives and their corresponding strengths**
- **Increase realism but also potential for innovation and political commitment in regional forest cooperation**



Basic principles:

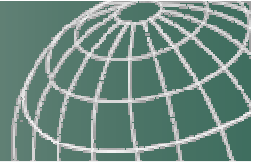
- ⊖ Build on previous events and the wealth of documentation
- ⊖ Provide an informal platform to experts

Key questions:

- ⊖ What does exist? (status, purpose, scope, governance etc.)
- ⊖ Who is best in what? (roles, value added, potentials)
- ⊖ What is better done by others (national/international)?
- ⊖ How will we become even better? (key issues and support)

Outcome:

- ⊖ Message of participants / Chairs summary to WFC, UNFF, UNFCCC, CBD, IYF etc.



Useful Facts:

- ⊖ **Organized within the framework of the WFC**
- ⊖ **17.10.2009, the day before the Congress starts**
- ⊖ **Organizers: FAO and others, with support from the German government through GTZ**
- ⊖ **Approx. 100 Participants, 60 from reg. organisations and initiatives, 40 from relevant institutions, development partners, other experts**
- ⊖ **Input papers and presentations, plenary and group work sessions**
- ⊖ **Comprehensive WS-documentation and proceedings**
- ⊖ **Simultaneous translation into English, French, Spanish**