



International
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Network

IMFN Circumboreal Initiative: Addressing Transnational Issues Through Collaborative Research and Model Forests

Date: October 21, 2009

Hour: 1900h-2100h

Location: Quebracho room (Yellow Pavillion)

While global changes are expected to have profound and varied impacts on boreal landscapes and human communities, international research and testing to better anticipate and understand these changes is limited. Opportunities for addressing shared concerns across the circumboreal have been missed as a result of fragmented approaches.

The International Model Forest Network's (IMFN) Circumboreal Initiative brings together governments and scientists from boreal countries interested in developing an international research agenda focused on strategies for adaptation to global changes using Model Forests and other large landscapes as their testing grounds.

Anticipated creation of new knowledge, and the transfer of that knowledge to decision-makers, provides an opportunity for all countries to individually and collectively improve the sustainable management of their landscapes while helping forest-dependent communities adapt in the face of rapid change.

At the XIII World Forestry Congress, the IMFN will host a side event on the Circumboreal Initiative. Following a presentation on the origins and goals of the initiative, panelists will report on expectations and priority interests from national perspectives; there will also be a facilitated discussion between panelists and audience members.

This event will be of interest to all WFC participants concerned with transnational collaboration in response to global changes, particularly policy makers, land managers and managers of landscape-level initiatives.

Simultaneous interpretation in English and Spanish will be provided.