



Planning workshop for establishing a Regional Training Center on Forest Genetic Resources

1-3 December, 2015, Binzhou City, Shandong Province, China

Although forest genetic resources in many Asian countries have been severely depleted, there is limited recognition about their ecological and societal importance, including for timber production and adaptation to and mitigation of climate change. Political and institutional support for conserving the resource base have not kept pace with the economic development in the region. Conservation and enhancing the sustainable use of FGR are restricted by inadequate funding and limited institutional and human capacities.

As a follow up to the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources process, member countries of the Asia Pacific Forest genetic Resources Programme (APFORGEN) agreed in 2014 to strive towards establishing a Regional Training Centre on Forest Genetic Resources. This goal was included in APFORGEN's regional strategy for 2014-2016, the overarching aim of which is to support the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Forest Genetic Resources in the Asia-Pacific region. The initiative is spearheaded by the Chinese Academy of Forestry which represents China in APFORGEN.

The workshop will be hosted by China Happy Ecology, a private company working on tree breeding and ecological restoration that has expressed interest to fund regular training courses on forest genetic resources under the prospective training centre.

Tentative programme

30 November: Arrivals

Pick-ups from Beijing International Airport, and drive to Binzhou in Shangdong Province.

18:00-20:00 Welcome dinner, CHE International Finance Center

Time	Activity	Presenter
1 December, 2015 (Day 1): Workshop meetings		
7:30-9:00:	Breakfast	
9:00-9:15	Introduction to participants	Zheng Yongqi
9:15-10:00	Presentation: Exploring genetic resource for ecological improvement (CHE)	Zhang Hongxun
10:00-10:15	Group photo and Coffee break	
10:15-11:10	Presentation: Concept of a regional FGR training center and its alignment with APFORGEN's strategy for strengthening capacities of implementing FAO's GPA-FGR.	Riina Jalonen
	● Global perspective on FGR	Jarkko Koskela
	● Regional networks on FGR	Judy Loo
	● APAFRI's perspective on FGR	Sim Heok Cho
	● China's perspective on FGR	Zheng Yongqi
11:10-12:00	Discussion on the concept of regional training	Riina Jalonen
12:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:40	Roundtable discussion: Assessment of regional training needs, available examples of training models	Judy Loo
15:40-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-17:00	Presentations: Existing training materials and programmes on forest genetic resources	Riina Jalonen
	● China: Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF)	Zheng Yongqi
	● Korea: Korea National Institute of Forest Science	Lee Seok-Woo
	● Philippines: University of the Philippines Los Banos	Ike Tolentino
	● Indonesia: Forest Research and Development Agency (FORDA)	Bambang Tri Hartono
	● APAFRI: Asia Pacific Association of Forestry Research Institutions	Sim Heok Choh
	● FAO	Jarkko Koskela

	● Bioversity International	Judy Loo
	● World Agroforestry Center	Shi Lingling
17:00-18:00	Discussions on: Training needs, and development of complementary training materials	Riina Jalonen
18:00-20:00	Dinner	
2 December, 2015 (Day 2): Workshop meetings		
7:30-9:00:	Breakfast	
9:00-10:10:	Presentations: Operational matters of the training center	Judy Loo
	● Trainers, trainees	Riina Jalonen
	● Supporting resources from China	Zheng Yongqi
	● Others supporting resources	Riina Jalonen
10:10-10:30	Coffee break	
10:30-12:00	Discussion on operational matters	Judy Loo
12:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	General discussion: regularity, frequency, scale, time and venue of training activities; cooperation with other domestic and international initiatives	Riina Jalonen
15:30-15:50	Coffee break	
15:50-16:30	Work plan and summary	Riina Jalonen
16:30-16:50	Closing of the workshop	Zheng Yongqi
16:50-17:00	Press conference & media interviews (CHE)	Zhang Hongxun
18:00-20:00	Dinner	
3 December, 2015 (Day 3): Field visits		
7:30-9:00	Breakfast	
9:00-11:00	Visit to the demonstration forest restoration of Yellow River beach land	Huang Ping
12:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-16:00	Visit to nurseries, laboratory of tissue culture, nursery collection of FGR	Huang Ping
18:00-20:00	Dinner	
4 December, 2015 (Day 4): Departures		
7:30-9:00	Breakfast	
9:00-	Departures	Huang Ping

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