



CIFOR and partner organizations present:
Forest Day
Shaping the Global Agenda for Forests & Climate Change
 An event parallel to UNFCCC COP, Nusa Dua, Bali, 8 December, 2007.

Why Forest Day?

Forest Day comes at an important time in climate change discussions, with forests being at the very centre of international climate debate. Accordingly Forest Day holds the opportunity to bring together all of the forest-related side events that would otherwise be scattered throughout the two week period of the COP. With the Kyoto Protocol coming to an end in 2012, and a replacement being already under discussion, Forest Day promises to become a dynamic forum of international repute for its vital contribution to the future of the world we live in.

Who supports Forest Day?

Forest Day has support from the UNFCCC Secretariat and will run as an event separate to the official UNFCCC discussions. It is a “parallel” event, similar to Adaptation Days of previous COPs. CIFOR extended the invitation to co-host this event to sister organizations in the Collaborative Partnership of Forests (CPF) on July 4th. So far several organizations have committed to being a co-host including: FAO; ICRAF; CBD; IUFRO and UNFF. We have also received expressions of strong interest from WB and ITTO. By collaborating with CPF members we hope to present a strong, independent and respected voice that will be highly beneficial to the UNFCCC discussions. We have decided that to maintain the independence of Forest Day the invitation to co-host should not be extended to Governments, donors or businesses. However, we are keen to see these important forestry stakeholders actively participate in the afternoon parallel seminars. After all, Forest Day should be nothing less than inclusive – a space where all stakeholders who share an interest in forests can express a broad spectrum of different forest perspectives. We look forward in the coming weeks to receiving ideas and applications for presentations throughout the Day.

What is the structure of Forest Day?

The structure of Forest Day is still being finalized. Initial plans include a high profile plenary session (10.00 – 12.00), followed by a break for lunch. Between 13.30 – 15.30 there will be a set of parallel sessions followed by a 30 minute break for coffee. The final parallel sessions will run from 16.00 – 18.00. The discussion topics for all but four of these sessions is the privilege of co-hosts to decide (or other organizations should there be insufficient co-hosts interested in organizing a seminar session). CIFOR wishes to retain the first four sessions for specific areas of discussion- these will focus on Technical; Legal/Social/Governance; Financial/PES; Adaptation/Soc/Livelihoods. CIFOR intends to invite 4-5 presentations, each lasting 15 minutes, the session will end with 45 minutes for discussion. Co-host partners may wish to structure their session slots differently (e.g. a panel debate).

What can you do?

If you have an idea for a presentation or poster you would like to display, or would like to host and organize a full session then please do not hesitate to email Rachel Carmenta (r.carmenta@cgiar.org). The dead-line for submission is Monday September 10th.

