

Official Workshop Program



Major Groups-Led Initiative in Support of the United Nations Forum on Forests

Applying Sustainable Forest Management to Poverty Reduction:
Strengthening the Multi-Stakeholder Approach within the UNFF

26-30 July 2010

Alisa Hotel, Accra, Ghana

Coordinated by The Institute of Cultural Affairs International

Hosted by the Government of Ghana



Schedule Overview

	Day 1	Day 2	Day	Day 4	Day 5
9:00-10:40	Registration (from 8:00) 9:30-10:40 Opening ceremony	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary reports from each Working Group Working Group session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued discussion within WGs 	F I E L D T R I P	<i>Focus: Effectiveness of MG participation in the UNFF</i> Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on effectiveness of Major Groups in UNFF Concurrent Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected MGs make presentations within each Working Group 	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGs present their plans and strategies for the participation in IYF in plenary Open Space session for collaborative planning
10:40-11:00	BREAK	BREAK		BREAK	BREAK
11:00-13:00	Plenary session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and discussion of background papers 	Working Groups continue		Working Groups continue Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WGs present results and recommendations 	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall conclusions and policy recommendations for UNFF 9 Rapporteur's report
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH
14:00-15:20	Working Group Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group discussions 	Working Groups continue		<i>Focus: UN International Year of the Forest (IYF)</i> Plenary session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by UNFF Secretariat Planning session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Groups meet separately and begin planning 	Plenary session - Issue workshop communiqué Closing Ceremony
15:20-15:40	BREAK	BREAK		BREAK	
15:40-17:00	Working Group sessions continue until close of day	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and discussion of WG results and recommendations 		Presentation of REDD+ Ghana country workshop report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented by The Forest Dialogue/IUCN 	15:30 Refreshments
Evening 18:00-20:00	Welcome reception for participants hosted by Governments of Ghana and Canada				

Schedule

Monday- July 26th

- 8:00-10:00** Registration
- 9:30-10:40** Openingceremony (seebelow for details)
- 10:40-11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:00-13:00** Plenarysession
- Presentation and discussion of case studies
 - FormationofWorking Groups
- 13:00-14:00** **LUNCH**
- 14:00-15:20** Working Group Sessions
- Working Groupdiscussions
- 15:20-15:40** **BREAK**
- 15:40-17:00** Working Group Sessions continue until closeofday
- 18:00-20:00** Welcome Reception for participants hosted by Governments of Ghana and Canada

Opening Ceremony Program

Monday - July 26th

- 09:30** Introduction of Chair
- 09:35** Chairperson's acceptance remarks --Edward Nsenkyire, Former Chief Director, Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, and Chairman of Climate Change Committee
- 09:40** Opening remarks on behalf of steering committee -- Lambert Okrah, Steering Committee Chair
- 09:45** Opening address --Hon. Collins Dauda, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ghana
- 10:00** Remarks on behalf of Canadian Government --Michael Gort, Chargé D' Affairs, Canadian High Commission and head of CIDA in Ghana
- 10:05** Keynote address -- Jan McAlpine, Director of UN Forum on Forests Secretariat
- 10:35** Chair's closing remarks
- 10:40** Vote of thanks

Tuesday - July 27th

- 9:00-10:40** Plenary session
- Preliminary reports from each Working Group
- Working Group session
- Continued discussion within WGs
- 10:40-11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:00-13:00** Working Groups continue
- 13:00-14:00** **LUNCH**
- 14:00-15:20** Working Groups continue
- 15:20-15:40** **BREAK**
- 15:40-17:00** Plenary session
- Presentation and discussion of WG results and recommendations

Wednesday - July 28th

Field Trips (participants should sign up for the trip of their choice on the opening day of the workshop)

Option 1: Kakum National Park – *Bus departs 7:00am from Alisa Hotel (return to hotel by approx. 7:00pm)*

Participants will visit Kakum National Park. Covering an area of 350 km², the park is situated 33km north of Cape Coast. The park's protected evergreen rainforest is enriched with a wide range of wildlife, including elephants, buffalo, leopard, bongo, yellow backed duiker, red river hog, many reptiles and amphibians, and over 400 species of butterflies. The park features an impressive forest walk and an award-winning canopy walkway that is suspended 40 metres in the air, providing a fantastic observation point. Time permitting, this field trip will also feature a short visit to Cape Coast Castle, one of Ghana's oldest castles.

Option 2: Centre for Scientific Research into Plant Medicine (CSRPM) and Aburi Botanical Gardens

Bus departs 7:30am from Alisa Hotel (return to hotel by approximately 5:30pm)

On this field trip participants will travel to Mampong Akropong in order to visit the Centre for Scientific Research into Plant Medicine (CSRPM), Africa's leading research centre in the field of herbal medicine. Participants will also visit the Aburi Botanical Gardens, home to a wide variety of species. Finally participants will have the rare opportunity to visit the Aburi wood carving centre, where they will see an incredible variety of artifacts carved from many different species of wood.

Thursday - July 29th

- 9:00-10:40** *Focus: Effectiveness of MG participation in the UNFF*
- Plenary session
- Presentation on participation of Major Groups in UNFF
- Concurrent Working Groups:
1. Effective representation in UNFF
 2. Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (MSD)
 3. Engagement of MGs between UNFF sessions
- Selected steering committee members make presentations within each Working Group
- 10:40-11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:00-13:00** Working Groups continue
- Plenary session
- WGs present results and recommendations
- 13:00-14:00** **LUNCH**
- 14:00-15:20** *Focus: UN International Year of the Forest (IYF)*
- Plenary session
- Presentation by UNFF Secretariat
- Planning session
- Major Groups meet separately and begin discussions / planning
- 15:20-15:40** **BREAK**
- 15:40-17:00** Presentation of REDD+ Ghana country workshop report
- Presented by The Forest Dialogue / IUCN

Friday - July 30th

- 9:00-10:40** Plenary session
- MGs present their plans and strategies for the participation in IYF in plenary
- Open Space session for further discussion / collaborative planning
- 10:40-11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:00-13:00** Plenary session
- Overall conclusions and policy recommendations for UNFF 9
 - Rapporteur's report
- 13:00-14:00** **LUNCH**
- 14:00-14:30** Issue workshop communiqué
- 14:30-15:30** Closing Ceremony
- 15:30-16:30** Refreshments

Closing Ceremony Program

Friday - July 30

- 14:30** Introduction of Chair
- 14:35** Chairperson's acceptance remarks – Dr. Christine Amoako-Nuamah, Advisor to the President of the Republic of Ghana
- 14:40** Closing remarks by a representative of participants
- 14:50** Closing remarks by an official from the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat
- 15:00** Closing address --Hon. Collins Dauda, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ghana
- 15:20** Chair's closing remarks
- 15:25** Vote of thanks
- 15:30** Refreshments