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# ASIA-PACIFIC FORESTRY COMMISSION

## THIRTIETH SESSION

Sydney, Australia, 2 - 6 October 2023

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

### Sunday, 1 October 2023

16.00-19.00 – Registration for the 30th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission at Hyatt Regency Hotel.

### Monday, 2 October 2023

09.00-18.00 – Pre-session APFC Dialogue Day

08.00-18.00 – Registration for the 30th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission at Hyatt Regency Hotel.

### Tuesday, 3 October 2023

08.00-09.00 – Registration for the 30th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission at Hyatt Regency Hotel.

09.00-10.15 – Opening ceremony  
Introductory and welcoming addresses

10.15-10.40 – **Item 1: Adoption of the agenda** (Document: APFC/2023/1)

– **Item 2: Election of officers**  
Nomination and election of chairperson, vice-chairpersons, and rapporteur

10.40-11.10 Coffee Break

11.10-12.00 – **Item 3: Sustainable forests for a sustainable future**  
The theme of the 30th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission “Sustainable forests for a sustainable future” will be introduced by the keynote

speakers in the Opening ceremony and by a brief introductory presentation by the Secretariat. Commission members will be invited to reflect on priority actions to enhance the sustainable management of forests, particularly in relation to fostering sustainable production and consumption of both wood and non-wood forest products. (Document: APFC/2023/2)

- 12.00-13.00 LUNCH
- 13.00-13.45 Side event: Development of a Pan-Pacific standard for sustainable forest management
- 13.45-14.30 – **Item 3:** Sustainable forests for a sustainable future (continued)
- 14.30-15.00 Coffee break
- 15.00-16.30 – **Item 4:** Forest and landscape restoration in Asia and the Pacific  
The Secretariat will provide an overview of key issues and actions needed for further upscaling forest and landscape restoration in the region in support of the Regional Strategy and Action Plan for Forest and Landscape Restoration in Asia and the Pacific and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Members are invited to report on progress made through the implementation of the Regional Strategy and Action Plan for Forest and Landscape Restoration in Asia and the Pacific and consider actions to strengthen the enabling environment and upscale investments in forest and landscape restoration. (Document: APFC/2023/3)
- 16.40 CLOSE OF DAY
- 17.00-18.00 Side event: Green Climate Fund: Question & Answer session

### Wednesday, 4 October 2023

- 09.00-10.00 – **Item 5:** Forests and biodiversity: a focus on primary forests  
The Secretariat will briefly introduce the topic, which focuses on the critical need to reverse an ongoing decline in the region's area of primary forests and associated losses in biodiversity. Members will be invited to provide guidance on needs, priorities and strategic entry points for upscaling the conservation and sustainable management of primary forests. (Document: APFC/2023/4 Rev.1)
- 10.00-11.00 – **Item 6:** Building resilience to climate change: a focus on forest fires and pests and diseases  
A presentation by the Secretariat will provide a brief introduction to mainstreaming forest resilience in Asia and the Pacific, including new trends and priorities in integrated fire management and management of pests and diseases that might benefit from regional coordination. Members will be invited to strengthen integrated fire management and One Health approaches including through promotion and investment in innovations to monitor and mitigate threats to the health and vitality of forests. (Document: APFC/2023/5)
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee/tea break
- 11.30-12.00 – **Item 7:** Report of follow-up activities to the recommendations and decisions of the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Commission

A brief presentation by the Secretariat will outline progress made in addressing the recommendations from the 29th Session of APFC. (Document: APFC/2023/6)

- 12.00-12.30 – **Item 8: Update on global initiatives and processes of relevance for the Commission**  
Under this item, summaries of recent activities relating to the following global processes and initiatives will be presented: the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration; the 18th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests; the 27th and 28th Sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; the Outcomes of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity; the 2025 edition of the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment; SOFO 2024; and the 2nd World Forum on Urban Forests. (Document: APFC/2023/7)
- 12.30-13.30 LUNCH
- 13.30-14.15 **Side Event: Delivering tree genetic resources in forest and landscape restoration**
- 14.15-15.15 – **Item 9: APFC Governance Review**  
The Secretariat will briefly outline the main steps in the governance review process and summarize key findings and recommendations – particularly those developed during the Informal Consultation of members and organizational partners. The Commission will be invited to provide feedback on the proposed initial reform steps and suggested actions. (Document: APFC/2023/8)
- 15.15-15.45 Coffee/tea break
- 15.45-16.30 – **Item 10: Inputs to FAO governance and FAO forestry strategic planning**  
A brief presentation by the Secretariat will update the Commission on progress in development and priority elements of the FAO's Forestry Roadmap: from Vision to Action 2024-2031. The Commission will also be invited to formulate recommendations for the Regional Conference, for the COFO agenda, and programme priorities, in particular regional priorities, for FAO in forestry. (Documents: APFC/2023/9.1 and APFC/2023/9.2)
- 16.30-17.30 – **Item 11: Other business**  
Discussion of other matters that members wish to bring to the attention of the Commission. The Commission will also hear brief reports from its subsidiary bodies, working groups and other initiatives:
- TeakNet;
  - Asia-Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN);
  - Asia-Pacific Forest Communication Network (APFCN);
  - Asia-Pacific Forest Genetic Resources Programme (APFORGEN)
  - COFO Working Group on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems
  - GCF Secretariat.
- 17.30 CLOSE OF DAY

**Thursday, 5 October 2023**

Field trips  
(Document APFC/2023/INF.1)

**Friday, 6 October 2023**

08.00-09.30	<u>Side event: Integrated Fire Management for the Asia-Pacific region</u>
09.30-10.15	<u>Side event: Launch of the Montreal Process Synthesis Report</u>
10.15-10.30	Coffee/tea break
10.30-10.45	– <b>Item 12:</b> <u>Date and place of the next session</u> Offers to host the 31st Session of APFC in 2024/2025 will be welcomed.
10.45-11.45	– <b>Item 13:</b> <u>Adoption of the report</u> Review and adoption of the draft report of the 30th Session of APFC
11.45-12.00	<u>Closing of the 30th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission</u>