



NORTH AMERICAN FOREST COMMISSION

TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

Edmonton, Canada, 19 - 21 September 2017

REPORT OF THE URBAN FOREST PROGRAMS WORKING GROUP

PERIOD: 2016 - 2017

1. WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION

Chairperson	Country	Organization
Val Mezainis	USA	US Forest Service International Programs
Member Names	Country	Organization
Liza Paqueo	USA	US Forest Service International Programs
Rachel Sheridan	USA	US Forest Service International Programs
Armando Alanís	Mexico	CONAFOR
Cinthya Velarde	Mexico	CONAFOR
Tomas Martinez	Mexico	COLPOS
Kenneth Farr	Canada	Canadian Forest Service
Laura Mackenzie	Canada	Canadian Forest Service

2. (A) LIST OF ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE PAST 2 YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (done/ongoing)
Members of the Working Group participated the US Forest Service International Programs' pilot International Seminar on Urban Forestry	Chicago and New York	June 2017	done
Working group changed its name to "Urban Forest Programs" Working Group	Teleconference call	April 2017	done
Developed 2017 work plan and charter	Teleconference call	April 2017	done
Began the development of i-Tree Mexico and its Spanish translation	Mexico City	September 2016	ongoing
Learning modules (seminars) created with Dr. Satyamoorthy Kabilan and Erika Svendsen as its first speakers	Washington DC and webinar	January and February 2016	done
First in-person meeting of the Working Group	Chicago	June 2016	done

2. (B) PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT 2 YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (ongoing/new)
Complete the development of i-Tree Mexico, conducted by INIFAP, US Forest Service and Davey Trees, and then discuss next steps for trilateral collaboration with respect to i-Tree	Mexico	2016-2018	ongoing
Conducting an introductory i-Tree training course to students of a CONAFOR's technological training centre	Oaxaca	2017	new
Identify non-government organizations and/or community-based organizations to work on the social aspects of urban forestry in order to strengthen environmental education, community engagement and stewardship of urban ecosystems	TBD	Present - 2018	new
Identify candidates for 2018 International Seminar on Urban Forestry	Chicago and New York	June 2018	new
Identify speakers and develop a list of resources around urban Forest programs	Webinar	Present – 2018	Ongoing

Explore innovations in urban Forest technology and management		Present – 2018	Ongoing
Discuss developing STEW-MAP and other web-based public engagement tools	TBD		new

3. WORKING GROUP FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND/OR NETWORKING

Period

Activity	Amount US\$ (cash)	Amount US\$ (in-kind)
None		

4. REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT

None

5. CLOSING REMARKS

None