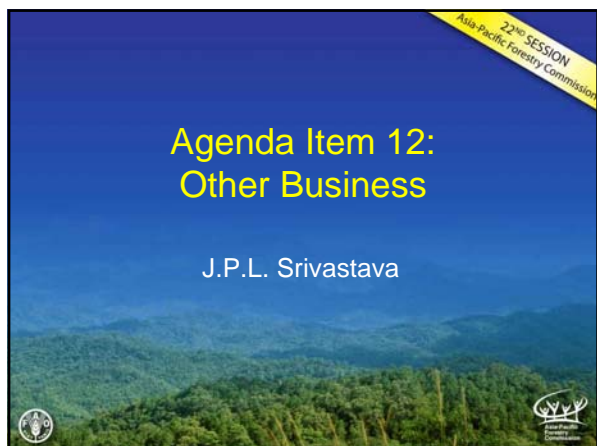




22<sup>nd</sup> SESSION  
Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission

## Agenda Item 12: Other Business

J.P.L. Srivastava

### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> meetings of APFC Executive Committee

- Bangkok, Thailand, 19-20 December 2006 & Hua Hin, Thailand, 30-31 August 2007
- Purpose:
  - Review Commission's work since the last Session
  - Deliberate on recent developments in forestry in the region
  - Plan for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of APFC in Hanoi
- Objective: to strengthen Commission's work



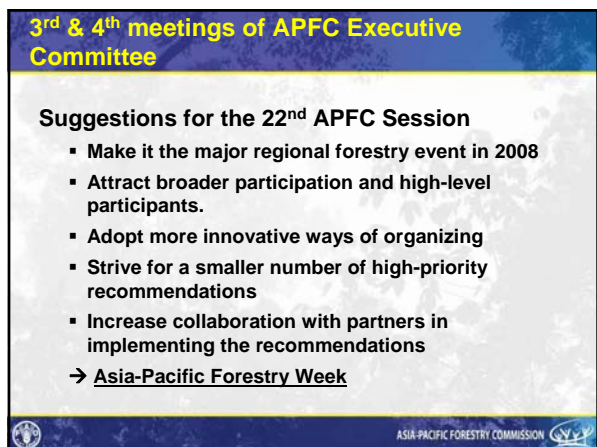


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#### Suggestions for the 22<sup>nd</sup> APFC Session

- Make it the major regional forestry event in 2008
- Attract broader participation and high-level participants.
- Adopt more innovative ways of organizing
- Strive for a smaller number of high-priority recommendations
- Increase collaboration with partners in implementing the recommendations

→ Asia-Pacific Forestry Week

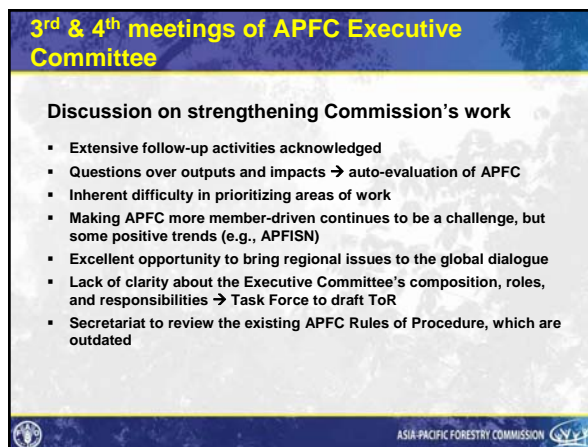





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#### Discussion on strengthening Commission's work

- Extensive follow-up activities acknowledged
- Questions over outputs and impacts → auto-evaluation of APFC
- Inherent difficulty in prioritizing areas of work
- Making APFC more member-driven continues to be a challenge, but some positive trends (e.g., APFISN)
- Excellent opportunity to bring regional issues to the global dialogue
- Lack of clarity about the Executive Committee's composition, roles, and responsibilities → Task Force to draft ToR
- Secretariat to review the existing APFC Rules of Procedure, which are outdated

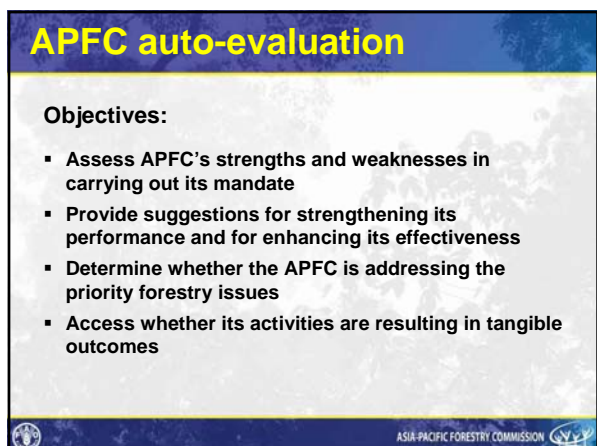





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### APFC auto-evaluation

#### Objectives:

- Assess APFC's strengths and weaknesses in carrying out its mandate
- Provide suggestions for strengthening its performance and for enhancing its effectiveness
- Determine whether the APFC is addressing the priority forestry issues
- Assess whether its activities are resulting in tangible outcomes

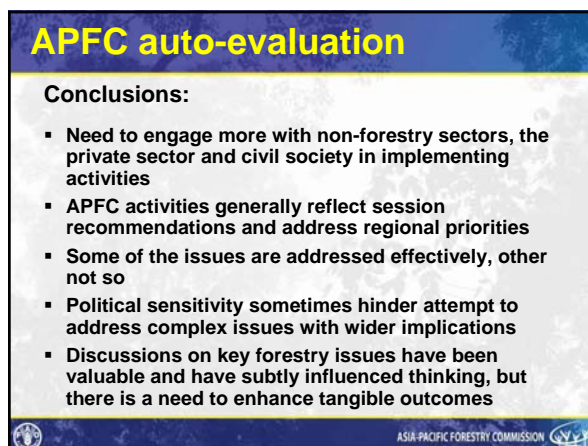





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### APFC auto-evaluation

#### Conclusions:

- Need to engage more with non-forestry sectors, the private sector and civil society in implementing activities
- APFC activities generally reflect session recommendations and address regional priorities
- Some of the issues are addressed effectively, other not so
- Political sensitivity sometimes hinder attempt to address complex issues with wider implications
- Discussions on key forestry issues have been valuable and have subtly influenced thinking, but there is a need to enhance tangible outcomes

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## APFC auto-evaluation

### Recommendations:

- Reduce number of recommendations of top priority to no more than three
- For each priority area, draft terms of reference, establish working groups and appoint task managers
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation of selected priority activities
- Enhance member country participation in session agenda development
- Continue efforts to engage NGOs and the private sector in the Sessions and activities
- Provide APFC perspectives and reports during relevant forestry-related meetings



## ToR for Executive Committee and Revisions to Rules of Procedure

- ToR drafted by Task Force and Rules reviewed by APFC Secretariat
- Discussed thoroughly during Exe. Comm. meetings
- Exe. Comm. has approved draft ToR and suggested changes to Rules of Procedure
- Welcome member-country inputs and approval for adoption



**Thank you !!**

