

22nd SESSION
Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission

Forestry in a changing world

Emerging challenges



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STRUCTURE OF PRESENTATION


- Introduction
- A world of changing opportunities and challenges
- Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study
- Issues for discussion

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INTRODUCTION

- Rapid social and economic changes in the Asia-Pacific region
- Mixed impacts of globalization
- Changing values and perceptions
- Environmental issues to the forefront

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NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

- Growth of middle class and escalation of demand for products and services
- Persistence of poverty and demand for social equity
- The old and new energy crises




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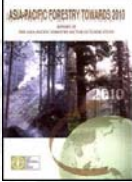

- Climate change
- Challenges of conservation
- Governance and illegal logging




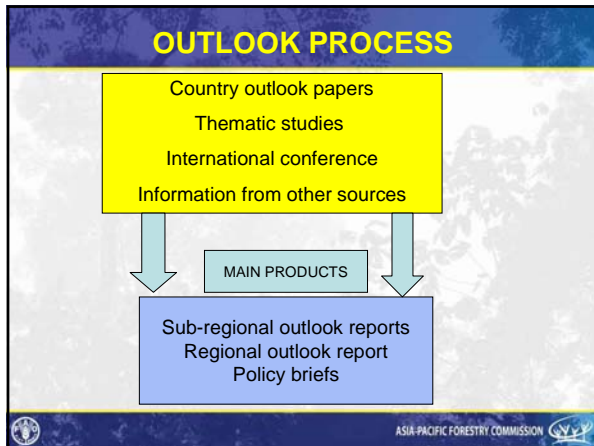

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ASIA-PACIFIC FORESTRY SECTOR OUTLOOK STUDY

- Endorsed by the 21st Session of APFC in April 2006.
- Launched in October 2006.
- Objectives:
 - Assess the emerging changes impacting forests and forestry
 - Analyze probable scenarios for developments in the forest sector to the year 2020
 - Identify priorities and strategies that help to address emerging opportunities and challenges.

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PROGRESS TO DATE

- Almost half of the 30 country outlook papers in the draft stage and others nearing completion
- 10 Thematic studies completed. Another 6 in progress
- International Conference on the “Future of Forests in Asia-Pacific” in October 2007

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ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- Critical issues in understanding forestry in the future
- Adequacy or otherwise of the responses
- Steps for adapting to the future including institutional changes

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Thank you

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