

MEDIA ADVISORY

Asia-Pacific Forestry Week: Forestry in a changing world Hanoi, Viet Nam, 21-26 April 2008

Over 600 participants from more than 50 countries will take part in the first-ever Asia-Pacific Forestry Week in Hanoi from 21 to 26 April 2008. This first-of-its-kind gathering is the largest and most significant forestry-related event in the region in 2008. It will bring together leading forestry and environment figures from government, civil society, the private sector and multilateral institutions. A broad array of forestry meetings and activities, involving many well-known forestry identities, will be held during the week.

Asia-Pacific Forestry Week is hosted jointly by the Government of Viet Nam and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) at the **National Convention Center in Me Tri, Tu Liem, Hanoi**.

Journalists are invited to attend Forestry Week starting with the opening ceremony on 21 April at 09:00 hours. Key speakers will be:

- H.E. Hoang Trung Hai – Deputy Prime Minister, Viet Nam
- He Changchui – Assistant Director-General and FAO Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific
- Jan Heino – Assistant Director-General, FAO Forestry Department
- Prof. Norman Myers – world-renowned environmentalist and pioneer in the fight to save tropical forests and biodiversity (Fellow at 21st Century School, Green College and Said Business School, University of Oxford)
- Dr Sunita Narain – sustainable development specialist, political commentator and social activist (Director of the Centre for Science and Environment, India)

Major topics to be addressed during Forestry Week are forestry in a changing world; forests and climate change; people, forests and human-well being: managing forests and people in a period of rapid change; and timber trade, forest law compliance and governance.

Interviews with speakers can be arranged by contacting the press officers below.

Press Accreditation:

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