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XIV World Forestry Congress

Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable Future

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Side event

Traditional values, practices and forest policy: transforming local challenges into renewed partnership

When: Wednesday 9 September 2015, 12:45–14:15

Where: Hall 2C

For generations, people have been using forest and other natural resources to sustain their various livelihood functions. This provided their cultural, religious and spiritual needs and promoted resilience of communities and the resources themselves.

Traditional knowledge, uses and practices, including spiritual and religious beliefs could motivate conservation and sustainable use of forests and other resources, if they are properly integrated into the forest management practices and plans.

Policies to promote sustainable management of forests and the development of people living in and around forests could be more successful if their design and implementation consider



and respect adequately traditional values, knowledge and practices by those people. Therefore cultural aspects need to be well integrated into policies and support actions.



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Session plan

TIME	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
12:45 – 12:50	Opening remarks: <i>Why this side event, what are the expectations and how do we plan to conduct it.</i>	<i>Facilitator</i> Dr John Parrotta
12:50 – 13:05	Voices from the field: <i>Video composition with local actors expressing their views and perspective.</i>	FAO
13:05 – 14:05	Panel discussion: <i>Speakers representing traditional/local leaders, government agencies, NGOs and the scientific community.</i> Open discussion with the audience.	<i>Facilitator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edna Kaptoyo • Brenda Taylor • Bharati Kumari • Oscar Simanto • Coert Geldenhuys • Howard Rosen
14:05 – 14:15	Take-home messages and recommendations.	<i>Facilitator</i>

Convening organizations

- FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- IUFRO Research Group on Forest History and Traditional Knowledge (IUFRO 9.03)
- IWCS – International Wood Culture Society



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