

REGISTRATION FORM

CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP ON STRATEGIES FOR FORMULATION OF FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT NETWORK

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CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP ON STRATEGIES FOR FORMULATION OF FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT NETWORK (FGRMN)



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Organised by



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BACKGROUND

The sustainable management of Forest Genetic Resources (FGRs) is a primary global concern today, more as we observe the year of 2011 as the International year of Forests. FGRs represent the genetic variation in trees of potential or present benefit to humans. The richness of the forest resources is indicated by the wide genetic variability stored in it. Owing to several threats- anthropogenic, biotic and abiotic stress, valuable FGRs are being eroded at an accelerated rate. In a country like India with vast natural resources and diversity, the extent of effort required for FGR conservation is enormous in view of sustaining the productive values of forests, for maintaining the health and vitality of forest ecosystems and, for maintaining their protective and environmental roles. To reduce the direct pressure on forests, to maintain the quality of forests and at the same time to reap substantial benefits, it becomes indispensable to strike a balance between conservation and sustainable use of FGRs.

In this scenario, the Ministry of Environment and Forests, has identified the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) as the nodal centre for establishing the FGRMN with its two regional/ base stations, one in the South at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore and the other in the North at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. The FGRMN will act as a nodal agency at national level for collection, characterization, conservation, documentation and exchange of information on FGRs. IFGTB considered it appropriate to hold this important workshop to identify stakeholders/ partners maintaining and managing FGRs such as State Forest departments, State Agricultural Universities, Research Institutes/ Organisations, forest based industries and others involved, as part of the network and to establish the FGRMN with their valued views.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

- To build and strengthen the FGR network at regional/ national level involving all stakeholders.
- To develop a network to benefit the stakeholders for long term conservation of FGRs, exchange of information, data building, documentation, coordinate research and development and capacity building, thereby making FGR conservation a successful national effort and endeavour.
- To identify roles and responsibilities of networking partners and to chalk out a clear road map for FGR management
- To examine possibilities for a National Bureau of Forest Genetic Resources in the country.

VENUE

The workshop will be held at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore. The city is located at the foothills of Nilgiris, an intersection of the Eastern and Western Ghats. It enjoys a sunny and pleasant weather during March. The city is well connected by road, rail and air.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided by the Institute on request. The participants may send their request for accommodation and travel plan to Dr. K. Palanisamy, Organising Secretary (palanisamy@icfre.org) or Shri D. Chellasamy, DCF (chellasamy@icfre.org; Mob: 09500214747), either by FAX, post, or email.

REGISTRATION

The participants may register using the form attached either by post or e-mail, to enable preparation of a detailed participant's list for the workshop and future networking.

SUBMISSION OF EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

An extended abstract on the status of FGRs handled by the stakeholders which includes the contents detailed below (figures & tables may also be included) may be submitted to the Organising Secretary (palanisamy@icfre.org) or Smt. R. Anandalakshmi, Scientist-D, (lakshmir@icfre.org) before 23rd February, 2011, by post, FAX or e-mail, in MS Word format.

Contents of the status paper on FGRs

- FGRs collected and conserved by the stakeholders both *in situ* eg. Seed stands, MPCAs, Permanent preservation plots etc. and *ex situ* eg. Clonal repositories, Germplasm banks, Seed orchards, Arboreta, Botanical gardens, Seed banks etc.
- Species prioritised for conservation on long term
- Programs / projects, financial and institutional support available for FGR conservation
- Research, extension, training, documentation available on FGRs, information included in management plan/ micro plan/ other plans
- Policies, legislation acts related to FGRs
- Strengths and gaps in FGR utilization, conservation and management
- Participation of people, involvement of indigenous community/ stakeholders
- Existing network and collaboration among stakeholders
- Role of stakeholders in FGRMN
- Expectations of network partners from the ICFRE/ IFGTB

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