



## **International Forestry Conference**

### **“Planted Teak Forests – a Globally Emerging Forest Resource”**

Guanacaste, Costa Rica, 2-6 of May 2011

#### ***First Announcement***

CATIE in cooperation with FAO and TEAKNET will organise in 2011 an international forestry conference that will focus on planted teak forests as a globally emerging forest resource. The conference will offer the opportunity to

- ✓ Meet international experts, investors and professionals in teak management and marketing
- ✓ Learn about experiences in other countries
- ✓ Establish contacts for networking and the development of new initiatives

**Bringing together renowned global experts in teak (*Tectona grandis*) management and marketing, the Conference will provide an opportunity to exchange experiences, strengthen the teak sector by evaluating social, economic, technical and environmental issues and improve networking among its stakeholders by expanding TeakNet's coverage to Latin America and Africa.**

Learning from past achievements will help shape a sustainable future for the sector, contribute to the effective use of donor support in future development projects and improve returns on investments. The Conference will contribute to the sustainable development of forest resources, in particular for the rural populations in teak growing countries, and will provide orientation for investors.

#### **Conference Format**

The conference will invite selected keynote speakers and welcome a limited number of technical papers that provide state-of-the art overviews of the main topics of interest. Both invited and volunteer presentations will be given in concurrent sessions during May 2 - 4. The conference will also welcome proposals for special sessions or side-events from organizations or groups.

A two days field trip is planned after the conference (May 5 – 6, 2011), which will provide excursions on various topics).

Participants are expected to arrive on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Inscriptions, official speeches and a welcome cocktail will follow on Sunday evening.

### **Conference Topics**

- Analysis of policy frameworks and related structural obstacles and financing barriers for Teak investments
- Analysis and evaluation of the role of investment intermediaries in promoting teak plantation ventures (case studies on successes and failures)
- Evaluation of private and public investments in the teak sector and its impacts on socio-economic conditions and rural livelihoods
- Evaluation of existing management models and programmes for the production of planting material and genetic improvement
- Analysis of the market structures and value chains of teakwood trading and their impact on the profitability of Teak investments
- Development of uniform log grading rules and transparent market intelligence
- Evaluation of the significance of planted Teak forests for climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Developing strategic, conceptual and operational recommendations in support of the sustainable development of the Teak sector

### **For Researchers, Investors, Professionals and Merchants**

### **Languages**

Official conference languages will be English, Spanish and Portuguese

### **Important dates**

#### 2010:

15 July	First Announcement
30 Aug	Launch of webpage
	Second Announcement with preliminary programme
1 September	First call for submission of abstracts
	Selection of candidates as key-note speakers
15 September	Opening of on-line registration: “early-bird” rate
30 October	End of “early-bird” rate
30 November	Deadline for submission of abstracts

#### 2011:

30 January	Notification of acceptance of abstracts sent to authors
	Release of Third Announcement with next-to-final programme
2 – 6 May	Conference

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**Funding for participants from developing countries:**

Persons from developing countries who are interested to participate in this conference may apply for funding to the ITTO Fellowship Programme <http://www.itto.int/en/feature20/>

**Please note that the deadline for application is September 3rd, 2010.**

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**And more...**

- Business roundtables
- Teak Net Steering Committee Meeting
- Opportunities exist for hosting side-events or parallel sessions
- A two-day field trip/forestry fair to various forestry-based enterprises will follow the Conference

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**Registration, Travel and Accommodation information**

More detailed information will be released in the coming announcements and webpage

***¡Guanacaste awaits you in 2011!***