

Annual Work Report 2013 and Work Plan 2014

The Fourth Meeting of the APFNet Interim Steering Committee
The Fifth Annual Meeting of the APFNet Focal Points

Chiang Mai, Thailand

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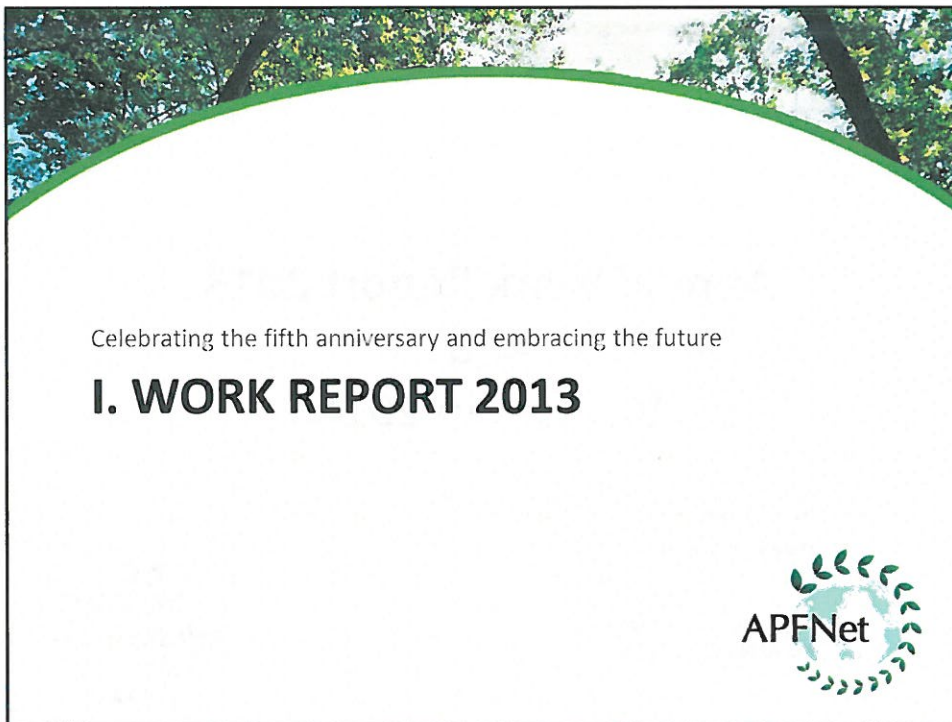
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Work plan for 2014

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Work report of 2013

Institutional development



The Fourth Annual Meeting of the APFNet Focal Points
6-7 June 2013, Kunming, China

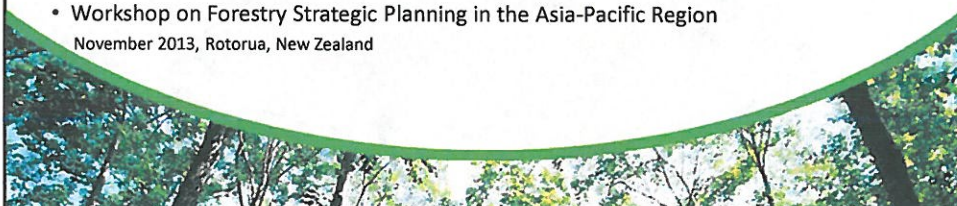


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Involvement in high-level mechanisms and facilitating policy dialogues



- Assessment of the Progress towards the APEC 2020 Forest Cover Objective
- The Second APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Forestry
August 2013, Cusco, Peru
- ASEM demonstration project on sustainable forest management in Lao PDR
- Advanced Workshop on Sustainable Forest Management in the Greater Mekong Sub-region
September 2013, Kunming, China
- Workshop on Forestry Strategic Planning in the Asia-Pacific Region
November 2013, Rotorua, New Zealand





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Involvement in high-level mechanisms and facilitating policy dialogues

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Project performance

Total contribution is US\$6 160 359

Including the 3 new approved projects in 2013, there are 11 **ongoing** projects in total

PIIM guidelines formulated to enhance the efficiency of the project application and implementation process



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Capacity building

Workshop on strategies and approaches for SFM in a changing climate
July 2013, Kunming, China



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Capacity building

Workshop on multi-functionality of community forestry development in the Asia-Pacific region
December 2013, Kunming China



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Capacity building

Eight APFNet Scholarship Program students graduated in July 2013.

Six students enrolled in September 2013.



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Capacity building

The Third Forestry College Deans' Meeting in the Asia-Pacific Region
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Capacity building

Project “Innovative Sustainable Forest Management Education in the Asia-Pacific Region” officially launched
November 2013, Rotorua, New Zealand



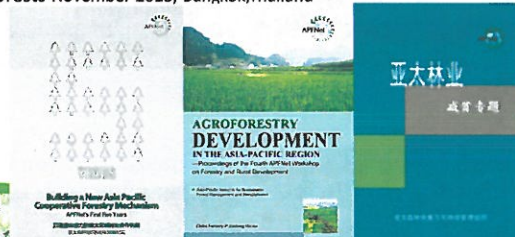
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Information-sharing

- Optimising user experience of the website
- Exhibitions
 - The Dialogue on Forestry in the Context of Eco-civilization during the Eco-Forum Global Annual Conference, July 2013, Guiyang, China
 - The 2013 China Charity Fair, 21–23 September 2013, Shenzhen, China
 - Second APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Forestry, August 2013, Cusco, Peru
 - Third Regional Forum for People and Forests November 2013, Bangkok, Thailand

• Publications



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Information-sharing

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The APFNet promo film was played at the exhibition room

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Partnerships

- New partners sought
- Co-organized and sponsored events
 - FAO, ITTO: Workshop on Forest Products Statistics in China, April 2013, Haikou, China
 - IUCN: Dialogue on Forestry in the Context of Eco-civilization, July 2013, Guiyang, China
 - RECOFTC: Third Regional Forum for People and Forests, November 2013, Bangkok, Thailand
 - FAO/FFF: Strength in Numbers: International Conference on Forest Producer Organizations, November 2013, Guilin, China

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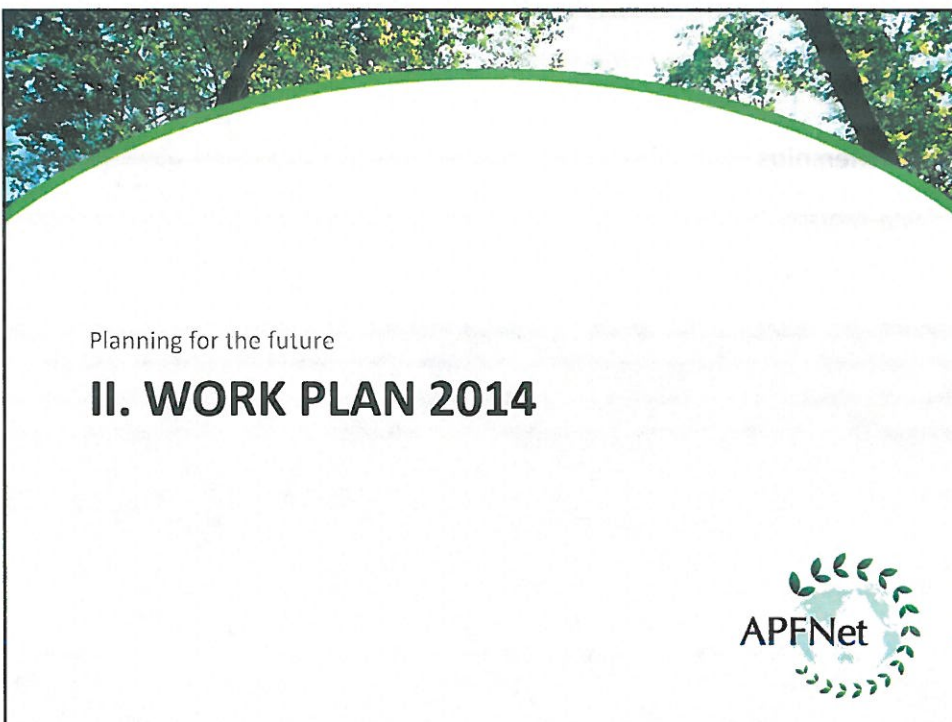
Reflection from the fifth year of APFNet

- The Interim Steering Committee and the Working Mechanism for Focal points are essential for APFNet's development and program implementation
- The governance structure of APFNet and related rules and regulations need to be improved and further developed
- It is important to diversify funding sources to ensure APFNet's sustainability



Planning for the future

II. WORK PLAN 2014



Work plan for 2014



Priorities

- Formalize the governance structure of APFNet;
- Support high-level policy dialogues by carrying out actions on the ground;
- Improve management of APFNet demonstration projects;
- Enrich capacity building activities;
- Increase the outreach and visibility of APFNet;
- Diversify funding sources for APFNet's development;
- Prepare for the formulation of the Strategic Plan for the next five years.

Work plan for 2014



Activities - institutional development

- Convene the Fourth Meeting of the APFNet Interim Steering Committee and the Fifth Annual Meeting of the APFNet Focal Points, 6-8 May
- Organize the selection of Directors of the Initial Board
- Identify the Directors of the Initial Board and convene the first meeting of the Board
- Develop the plan for establishing the Council of APFNet and confirm Council representatives with APFNet members

Work plan for 2014



Activities - strategic planning for the next five years

- Conduct a comprehensive review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011- 2015 carried out by an independent expert
- Draft the Framework of the Strategic Plan 2016-2020 with circulation of the initial draft among members during 2015



Work plan for 2014



Activities - involvement in high-level mechanisms and supporting policy dialogues

- Promote the Assessment of the Progress Towards the APEC 2020 Forest Cover Objective
- Launch the ASEM Demonstration Project and coordinate its implementation with project partners
- Develop policy brief and recommendations for both member economies and the GMS Ministerial/Summit, based on the project entitled Research on Current Situation, Future Cooperation and Development Strategy of Forestry in GMS



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Activities - involvement in high-level mechanisms and supporting policy dialogues

- Propose the project entitled Demonstration on Integrated Planning and Management of Forest Ecosystem in Lancang – Mekong Watershed under GMS as an initiative at the upcoming GMS Leaders' Summit
- Convene the second meeting on forestry strategic planning in the Asia-Pacific region following the first one in 2013
- Organize a workshop on SFM for senior officials of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan

Work plan for 2014

Activities - demonstration projects development and management

- Conduct pre-study visits to improve the proposal of each selected project of 2014
- Issue call for project concept notes and organize appraisal meetings for project concept notes and proposals respectively to select projects of 2015 for APFNet
- Undertake regular project cycle management activities and encourage on time close out of projects
- Prioritize initiation of highest significance projects and dissemination of reader-friendly information on project output

Work plan for 2014

Activities - demonstration projects development and management

- Further develop and refine APFNet monitoring and evaluation (M&E) procedures, grant management procedures and other procedural documents on the basis of APFNet PIIM (2013)
- Pilot and explore best approaches for APFNet to provide additional technical assistance for implementation of selected projects in order to better leverage and integrate the expertise of implementing agencies and consultants

Work plan for 2014

Activities - capacity building

- Make a long-term plan for a training program starting with a Needs Assessment of foresters in the GMS through a consultative meeting with Mekong Institute(MI) and the Kunming Training Center
- Implement updated policy and apply specific rules and procedures for the scholarship program to accommodate the increased number of host universities, newly admitted scholars, and additional majors
- Explore ways to maximize the benefits of the demonstration projects, especially by creating synergies with the capacity building program, through such things as providing scholarship students with opportunities to get involved in APFNet demonstration projects, utilizing high-quality project outputs as study and background material for the training program and other means as feasible

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Activities - capacity building

- Organize two workshops, respectively under the theme of forest resources management, and forestry and rural development
- Cooperate with the Coordination Office in Beijing Forestry University to implement the activities planned at the Asia-Pacific Forestry College Deans Cooperative Mechanism
- Exchange information among regional economies on approaches of on-the-job training for forest officers and explore the feasibility of establishing a regional mechanism in this regard

*Work plan for 2014*

Activities - communication and information

- Update stakeholders on progress and outcomes of APFNet's activities via News Updates, publications and the website
- Share experiences and findings from funded projects and research, notably those from innovative and high-impact projects
- Cooperate with relevant partners to document case studies on best practices and success stories in regional SFM practice
- Raise APFNet's profile at major international forest-related events



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Activities – administration & fund raising



- APFNet will develop additional administrative regulations, including human resource management and finance regulations, for approval by the Board of Directors
- An Information system project will be launched to install an office automation system
- APFNet Fund will establish an Administrative Committee for the APFNet Fund and convene the first meeting. Related rules and regulations will be reviewed and adopted by the Administrative Committee to guide the work of the Fund



Work plan for 2014

Partnerships



- Explore joint activities with current partners









- Reach out for new partners



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Budget

- In 2014, around CNY 43,066,510.98, equivalent to USD 7.06 million, (the exchange rate is 6.0969 on Dec 31, 2013) will be available to support all kinds of activities of APFNet

- **Funding sources:**

- 2013 Program balance forward
- 2013 APFNet account balance forward
- 2013 Bank Interest
- APFNet FUND
- Funding for programs in 2014
- APFNet core funding in 2014 - a new funding source in 2014



Thank you



