

Topics and recommended contents of the conference:

1. Climate change

- a. Climate change from local perspective to global threats
- b. Vulnerability of forests and forestry
- c. Benefits of carbon pools
- d. Adopting mitigation and adaptation management practices –
- e. Accessing carbon markets by SSF and community forestry groups including CDM –
- f. REDD and sustainable forest management

2. Harvesting technologies and forest products

- a. Innovation and development in technologies and engineering for SSF
- b. SSF as a source of wood products and bio-energy
- c. Wood production chains
- d. Logistics and market
- e. Goods and services of SSF
- f. Environmental sound technologies

3. Social development

- a. Forestry between social goals and owners' demands
- b. Gender role in SSF management
- c. Small-scale forest from the sociological and psychological perspectives
- d. Heritage and nature conservation
- e. Intergenerational transfer of forestland and changing demographics

4. Information technology

- a. Forestry-related decision support systems
- b. Remote access of data and knowledge
- c. Precision forestry
- d. Using electronic social networking to transfer knowledge for application
- e. Knowledge exchange through the effective use of collaborative technologies

5. Knowledge transfer

- a. Forestry trainings, outreach programs and life-long learning for forest owners
- b. Optimization of knowledge uptake for owners
- c. Reaching different categories of forest owners
- d. Knowledge for innovation and development
- e. Incorporating contemporary issues into traditional programs

6. Forest policy and economics

- a. Processes, instruments and strategies for SSF
- b. Socio-economic aspects of SSF
- c. Figures about private forests and forestry

- d. Extension as an unbiased facilitator in forest policy
- e. Identifying policy options
- f. Innovations for entrepreneurial activities and economic development

7. Forest business in practice

- a. Competitiveness of SSF on the enlarging market
- b. Contracting in private forests
- c. Agro forestry
- d. Work safety
- e. Organization of work and cooperation in SSF
- f. Training forest owners in best business practices