

Dear colleagues,

As you well aware the next session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF10) will be held on 8-19 April 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. The member institutions of the C.E.F., an important forestry organization in the Europe should be represented by a group of delegations as many members as possible.

During the meetings of the C.E.F.'s Board and the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe made during the Foresters Manifestations and International Symposium in Iasi, Romania it was proposed and agreed that we as the members of C.E.F. would participate to the UNFF10 as a Regional Foresters Organization. The C.E.F. presidency has already applied to the UN-ECOSOC for accreditation of C.E.F. as NGO with observer status on behalf. We are still waiting for the result. In order to be registered to the UNFF10 please visit the related web site of the Forum (www.un.org/esa/forests/session/).

Since the dates of session is closing and hotel booking in Istanbul quiet difficult, we also intended to help our members to find suitable hotel accomendation and provide some lojistic faciliteis. For this purpose, the Istanbul branch of the Turkish Chamber of Forest Engineers will investigate when we inform them about the number of members of the C.E.F. We therefore, have to know the number of the C.E.F. participants to the Forum as soon as possible in order to to seek convenient accomondations in Istanbul.

In this regard, please let us know if you want to participate to the UNFF10 and the number of your delegation (with their names, positions and contact addresses). Then we will officially approach to the Bureau of the Forum as well as start to arrange hotel booking accordingly.

By the way, we also think to organize a side event about the establishment, structure, statute, objectives, approved activities, activities done so far, etc. during the Forum. Before make an application to the Forum, please kindly send your opinion about it. Your early remarks and ideas about such side event will be very much appreciated.

We will look forward to receiving to your positive raplay in due time.

Best regards,



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