

**Sunday 27 June 2010
Beat the Queues! Early Registration**

14.00-17.00	Registration Open for Main Conference	Strathblane Hall, EICC
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**Monday 28 June 2010
Pre-Conference Meeting**

08.00 -19.30	Registration Opens for Main Conference	Strathblane Hall, EICC
09.30 – 10.30	<p align="center">Old Research – The New Source of Evidence</p> <p>Pre-Conference Special Session Sponsored by Oxford University and the Forestry Commission <i>(Speakers to be announced)</i></p> <p>How well equipped is forest and environmental science to meet the increasing requirement for policies and decisions to be based on explicit evidence? The methodologies developed by the Cochrane Collaboration in Medicine and the Campbell collaboration in criminology and education have been adopted throughout the world. They provide models that other areas of science can follow. The Collaboration for Environmental Evidence has started to adapt these models for environmental conservation. It is timely for 'Forestry', as a broad discipline embracing social science as well as physical sciences, to examine these methodologies.</p> <p>This special session will be led by Roger Mills and Gillian Petrokofsky from the Plant Science Department and Bodleian Libraries at the University of Oxford, supported by colleagues from the Cochrane Collaboration. They will explore the possibilities of establishing an evidence-based methodology in forest science, leading a discussion on how it can be brought about and who might participate in an international network of collaborators.</p> <p>The session will take the form of an active workshop where delegates will be encouraged to contribute ideas and experiences. A light breakfast will be served.</p>	EICC

**Monday 28 June 2010
MAIN CONFERENCE
Day 1: Challenges and Opportunities**

08.00 -19.30 10.30 – 19.30	Registration & Speaker Preview Room Open Exhibition & Poster Areas Open	Strathblane Hall, EICC
11.00 – 12.30	<p align="center">Session 1 Forests and the Commonwealth: Our Common Future</p> <p>Host Country Welcome and Introduction <i>Pamela Warhurst, Chair, Forestry Commission</i></p> <p>Message <i>His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales</i></p>	Pentland Auditorium


	<p>Keynote Speaker <i>Kamalesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General</i></p> <p>Conference Aims and Objectives <i>Tim Rollinson, Chair, Standing Committee on Commonwealth Forestry</i></p> <p>Queen's Award for Forestry <i>Presentation to winner of the Award</i></p>	
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch, Posters & Exhibition	Cromdale Hall
14.00 – 15.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 2 Global Challenges: The Case for Action</p> <p>Keynote Speaker Keynote Speaker to be confirmed</p> <p>Addresses Bill Jackson, Deputy Director General, IUCN Eduardo Rojas-Briales, Head, Forestry Department, FAO <i>David Cassells, Director Asia-Pacific Forest Program, The Nature Conservancy (to be confirmed)</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>	Pentland Auditorium
15.30 – 16.00	Tea/Coffee/Exhibition & Posters	Cromdale Hall
16.00 – 18.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 3 Our Experience: A Wealth of Opportunity</p> <p>Forests for the 21st Century <i>Short Film and Speaker: John Liu, Director, Environmental Education Media Project, University of Reading</i></p> <p>A World of Opportunity: The Potential for Restoration <i>The Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration – speaker to be confirmed</i></p> <p>How Civil Society Can Shape our Future <i>Speaker: Mark Collins, Director, Commonwealth Foundation</i></p> <p>An Introduction to Commonwealth Forests 2010 <i>Jim Ball, Chair, Commonwealth Forestry Association</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>	Pentland Auditorium
18.00 – 19.30	Welcome Reception and Poster Viewing Session	Cromdale Hall

Tuesday 29 June 2010
Day 2: Rising to the Challenge

08.30 -19.00 10.30 –16.00	Registration, Poster Area & Speaker Preview Room Open Exhibition Open	Strathblane Hall, EICC
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09.00 - 10.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 4 Learning From Each Other</p> <p>Case Studies:</p> <p>Canada <i>Jim Farrell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service</i></p> <p>India <i>P J Dilip Kumar, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India</i></p> <p>Tanzania <i>Felician Kilahama, Head of Tanzanian Forest Service</i></p>	Pentland Auditorium
10.30 – 11.00	Tea/Coffee/Exhibition & Posters	Cromdale Hall
11.00 – 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 5 Connecting Finance and Forestry</p> <p>Addresses <i>Justin Mundy, Director, The Prince's Rainforest Project</i></p> <p><i>Adam Whitmore, Head of Strategic Climate Change Projects, Rio Tinto PLC</i></p> <p><i>Forest Industry Perspective: Peter Gardiner, Natural Resources Manager, Mondi plc</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>	Pentland Auditorium
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch/Posters Exhibition and Side Event Hosted by Iwokrama, Showcasing the Iwokrama Model	
14.00 – 15.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 6 Combating Climate Change: The Evidence</p> <p>Chair: Pamela Warhurst, Chair, Forestry Commission</p> <p>Mitigation and Adaptation: A National Assessment <i>Sir David Read, Emeritus Professor of Plant Sciences, University of Sheffield</i></p> <p>Case Study: Iwokrama International Centre for Rainforest Conservation and Development <i>Isabella Bovololo and Elizabeth Losos</i></p> <p>Case Study: Ghana <i>(speaker to be confirmed)</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>	Pentland Auditorium
15.30 – 16.00	Tea/Coffee/Exhibition & Posters	Cromdale Hall
16.00 – 18.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 7 Fighting Climate Change: The Evidence</p> <p>Voluntary Papers presented and discussed in parallel sessions</p>	Pentland Auditorium

18.00 – 19.00	Commonwealth Forestry Association AGM	
Wednesday 30 June 2010 Day 3: People and Forests		
08.30 -18.00 10.30 –16.00	Registration, Poster Area & Speaker Preview Room Open Exhibition Open	Strathblane Hall, EICC
09.00 - 10.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 8 People and Forests: Sharing Knowledge</p> <p>Chair: John Innes, Vice-Chair, Commonwealth Forestry Association</p> <p>Forestry Education and Professionalism <i>Hosny El Lakany, Chair, International Partnership for Forestry Education</i> <i>Mahmud Hj Sudin, Professor, School of International Tropical Forestry, Sabah, Malaysia</i> <i>Julius Adewopo, International Forestry Students Association</i> <i>Jack Saddler, University of British Columbia</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>	Pentland Auditorium
10.30 - 11.00	Tea/Coffee/Exhibition & Posters	Cromdale Hall
11.00 – 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 9 People and Forests: Raising Standards</p> <p>Chair: Peter Volker, National President, Institute of Foresters of Australia</p> <p>Forestry Education and Professionalism <i>Marilyn Headley, Chief Conservator of Forests, Jamaica</i> <i>Andrew McEwen, President, New Zealand Institute of Forestry</i> <i>Ben Chikamai, Director, Kenya Forestry Research Institute</i> <i>Shireen Chambers, Executive Director, Institute of Chartered Foresters, UK</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion incorporating sessions 8 and 9</p>	Pentland Auditorium
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch & Side Events	Cromdale Hall
14.00 – 15.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 10 People and Forests: Engaging Communities</p> <p>Chair: Penny Davies, Senior Forestry Adviser, UK Department for International Development</p> <p>Case Studies: <i>Iwokrama International Centre for Rainforest Conservation and Development:</i> <i>Sydney Allcock and Dane Gobin</i></p> <p><i>Sir Michael Strang Steel, Scottish Forest Alliance</i></p>	Pentland Auditorium

	<p>Uganda (<i>speaker to be confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Other case studies to be announced</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>	
15.30 – 16.00	Tea/Coffee/Exhibition & Posters	Cromdale Hall
16.00 – 18.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People and Forests: Engaging Communities</p> <p>Voluntary Papers presented and discussed in parallel sessions</p>	
19.30 – 23.00	<p>Conference Dinner sponsored by BP <i>Speaker to be announced</i></p> 	EICC
<p>Thursday 1 July 2010 Day 4: Delivering Change</p>		
08.00 -17.00 10.30 –14.00	Registration, Poster Area & Speaker Preview Room Open Exhibition Open	Strathblane Hall, EICC
09.00 - 10.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Delivering REDD+ : From Copenhagen to Cancun</p> <p>Special Session Organised jointly with the University of Edinburgh Chair: John Hudson</p> <p>Introduction to REDD + : <i>Genevieve Patenaude, Forest and Carbon Management, The University of Edinburgh</i></p> <p>Guyana country perspective on REDD+ : <i>Robert Persaud, Minister of Agriculture and James Singh, Commissioner of Forests</i></p> <p>Tanzania country perspective on REDD+ (to be confirmed)</p> <p>Update on UN-REDD Programme Forests and Climate Change: <i>Ravi Prabhu (Senior Programme Officer, Forests and Climate Change, UN-REDD Programme)</i></p> <p>Norway's REDD leadership (to be confirmed)</p>	Pentland Auditorium
10.30 - 11.00	Tea/Coffee/Exhibition & Posters	Cromdale Hall
11.00 – 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Delivering Change</p> <p>Session 13 (1) Delivering REDD+: from Copenhagen to Cancun</p>	Pentland Auditorium

	<p>Chair: Genevieve Patenaude</p> <p>Presentations and perspectives on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance & Investments: Andrew Mitchell (Director, Global Canopy Programme) - Socio-economy, policy and governance: speaker to be confirmed - Forest ecosystems and services: speaker to be confirmed - Earth Observation and Technologies: Stephen Ward (GEO Forest Carbon Tracking) <p>Panel discussion, comprising the above speakers and additionally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance & Investments: Carbon Markets and Investors Association (panellist to be confirmed) - Socio-economy, policy and governance: panellist to be confirmed - Forest ecosystems and services: panellist to be confirmed - Earth Observation and Technologies: Andy Shaw (National Centre for Earth Observation) <p>Session 13(2) Delivering Change Voluntary papers presented and discussed</p> <p>Session 13(3) Delivering Change Voluntary papers presented and discussed</p>	
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch & Side Event Hosted by the Commonwealth Forestry Association on Delivering REDD+	
14.00 – 15.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 14 Delivering Change</p> <p>Voluntary papers presented and discussed in parallel sessions</p> <p>Plus: Closed workshop session by invitation only: Delivering REDD+: from Copenhagen to Cancun</p>	
15.30 – 16.00	Tea/Coffee/Exhibition & Posters	Cromdale Hall
16.00 – 17.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 15 Bringing Solutions Together: Our Common Future</p> <p>Chair: Pamela Warhurst, Chair, Forestry Commission</p> <p>Keynote speaker on the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity <i>Pavan Sukhdev, Green Economy Initiative, UNEP</i></p> <p>Ministerial Address <i>Roseanna Cunningham, Scottish Government Minister for the Environment</i></p> <p>Conference Summary <i>Tim Rollinson, Chair, Standing Committee on Commonwealth Forestry</i></p> <p>Closing Address</p> <p>Plus: Closed workshop session by invitation only: Delivering REDD+: from Copenhagen to Cancun</p>	Pentland Auditorium
18.00 – 20.00	Reception hosted by the Scottish Government Minister for Environment Great Hall, Edinburgh Castle (numbers limited)	Edinburgh Castle

Friday 2 July 2010 Optional Field Trips

Optional Field Trips

The Commonwealth Forestry Conference will include optional field trips to the Scottish Highlands and details can be found below. Please select only one when making your registration. There is no additional fee to participate in this for either registered delegates and their registered accompanying persons.

Spaces are limited, so it is essential that you book early to avoid disappointment.

All coaches will leave from the Conference venue in Edinburgh at 08.30 and return at approximately 18.00 on Friday 2 July. Subject to demand, we are also looking into the possibility of some shorter visits in and around Edinburgh.

Field Trip 1 - The Great Trossachs Forest (maximum attendees 50)

Visit the Great Trossachs Forest, a visionary landscape scale forest restoration project in the heart of the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park. See how neighbouring land-owning organisations are working together to bring benefits to the individual partner organisations and to deliver the land management objectives for the benefit of biodiversity and people.

For more information, see <http://www.scottishforestalliance.org.uk/default.asp?page=TheGreatTrossachsForest>

Field Trip 2 - Perthshire Big Tree Country (maximum attendees 50)

Perthshire, in the heart of Scotland, has long been recognised as the centre of the Scottish forest renaissance, which began in the 18th century with the 'Planting' Dukes of Atholl. Some of the first conifer plantations anywhere were established by the 4th Duke for 'beauty, profit and effect' so today's foresters have up to 250 years experience of managing these man-made forests. In the 19th century tree introductions from the Pacific Northwest (many brought back by famous Perthshire plant hunters such as David Douglas) diversified the range of trees grown. All of this, allied to excellent growing conditions (many of the tallest trees in Europe are in Perthshire and other parts of Scotland) and a strong cultural tree and woodland heritage, have come together to promote 'Perthshire Big Tree Country'.

This tour will visit some of the original plantations around Dunkeld as well as walking in amongst some of Perthshire's collection of historic original introductions (including Douglas fir, European larch, giant redwood) and hear how the long history of tree introduction and re-forestation has influenced current forest management and policy development in a location declared a National Scenic Area on account of the quality of the wooded landscape. The tour will also include discussion on a new collaboration with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and the International Conifer Conservation Programme to create refugia for conifers from across the world threatened with habitat destruction.'

For more information, see <http://www.perthshirebigtreecountry.co.uk/>

Field Trip 3 - Nether Croy (maximum attendees 30)

This trip involves a day out with local Forestry Commission Scotland staff who deliver policy on the ground. Nether Croy is a small site of 120 hectares near Kilsyth in central Scotland with a great deal packed into it. The site is home to a section of the Antonine Wall (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), including a fort, and there are strong links with the area's industrial heritage, including an old railway line. Not only is the land important in historical terms, but it also contains old woodlands, grasslands and pastures which are a haven for newts and butterflies.

Enjoy a guided walking tour to see how a mosaic of open priority habitats and ancient woodland, European protected species, a World Heritage Site, industrial heritage (a legacy of mining, quarrying, and the Forth & Clyde canal) and the needs and wishes of the local communities, are all combined into one management area. The route takes in the Forth and Clyde canal, new planting for carbon sequestration, remediation of derelict land, a walk up Croy Hill, and along the line of the Antonine Wall. Weather permitting, the day should give you open views to the Campsie Hills to the north west, and the opportunity to see right across Scotland from the Firth of Clyde in the west to

the Firth of Forth in the east.

Field Trip 4 – Restoring Landscapes in Central Scotland (minimum attendees 20, maximum attendees 30)

Detailed information on this trip will follow shortly.

Field Trip 5 – Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (maximum attendees 30)

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) is happy to host a group for the afternoon of Friday 2 July. This half-day visit will start at 14.00 with a welcome presentation on the work of the Garden followed by a guided tour of the Garden with a particular emphasis on trees. The tour will be led by RBGE staff from the Horticulture Division.



Royal
Botanic Garden
Edinburgh

For more information, see <http://www.rbge.org.uk>

More text and links will be added very soon.