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## NEAR EAST FORESTRY COMMISSION

### EIGHTEENTH SESSION

**KHARTOUM, REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN**  
**18-21 February 2008**

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Sustainable use of natural resources in Near East arid and semi-arid ecosystems
  - 3.1 Management of forests, rangelands and other natural areas
  - 3.2 Policy formulation, legal frameworks and strengthening national and regional institutions
  - 3.3 Developing participatory approaches and building inter-sectoral linkages in the Near East Region
  - 3.4 In-Session Seminar: *Mobilization of domestic resources for forestry development in the Near East region*
4. FAO and other forestry activities of interest to the Near East Region
  - 4.1 NEFC and other FAO-supported activities and initiatives, including follow-up to the requests and recommendations of the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission
  - 4.2 Regional guidelines on best forestry practices in arid and semi-arid zones
  - 4.3 Regional network on forest health and invasive species
5. Regional issues identified by the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission for the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry
6. Any other business
7. Date and place of next session
8. Adoption of the report of the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Near East Forestry Commission

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**Joint meeting with the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission**

- JM1 Forests and climate change
- JM2 Forests and energy
- JM3 Forests and wildfires
- JM4 Forests and water resources
- JM5 Shaping an action programme for FAO in the Africa and Near East Regions
- FAO strategy for forestry
  - Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA 2010)
  - State of the World's Forests (SOFO) 2009
  - XIII World Forestry Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2009
  - International Year of Forests 2011
- JM6 Closure of the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Near East Forestry Commission and of the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission

**AFWC-NEFC Special Event – Thursday, 21 February 2008**

- Tree planting
- Study tour