

Forest Caucus: Strategy 2006/07

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Introduction

- **Results of preparatory (pre-CAE) Forest Caucus Conference Call**
 - There is a sense that the Forest Caucus (FC) has a comparative advantage in terms of its work on international forest issues in comparison to established ENGOs, but that its scope of activities could be improved upon by better engaging with local and national campaigns
 - Key means of improving its engagement with the wider forest-related ENGO community are
 - Information Exchange
 - Facilitating Collaboration between ENGOs

Forest Caucus: Strategy 2006/07

- **Calendar of Events**
 - An up-to-date web interface that allows for postings of forest-related events of interest to the RCEN community; brief summaries will be made available to Forest Caucus members
- **Issues, Resources and Actors**
 - An up-to-date web interface to map out issues and resources available to the RCEN community to facilitate informed and timely interventions in forest-related issues

Calendar of Events

- **Goal:** to provide a comprehensive and up-to-date list of forest-related events in Canada and internationally
 - **Awareness:**
 - will raise awareness on cross-cutting forest-related environmental issues
 - **Event Summaries:**
 - FC members attending events are asked to submit a short one-term summary of the main issues discussed and tacit knowledge exchanged

Example Calendar of Events

Meeting	Scope	Date	Location	Sign-Up Deadline	Website	Forest Caucus Summary
Rendez-vous d'Action Boréale 2006	Quebec	Sept. 15-16 2006	Montreal, QC		www.actionboreale.qc.ca/accueil.html	Mark Purdon (REAP-Canada)
10th National Forest Congress	National	Sept. 25 – 27 2006	Gatineau, QC		www.nfc-cfn.ca/	Gillian McEachern (CPAWS)
Forest Stewardship Council Great-Lakes St-Lawrence Roundtable	National	Sept. 28 2006	Montreal, QC		www.fsccanada.org/GLSL.htm	
Boreal Conference 2006	National	Oct. 2-5 2006	Cochrane, ON		www.borealconference2006.ca/	
A Global Vision of Forestry in the 21 st Century – University of Toronto	International	Sept. 30-Oct. 3 2007	Toronto, ON	Nov. 30 2006 (Call for Abstracts)	www.forestry.utoronto.ca/centennial/int_congress.htm	
RCEN Forest Caucus Annual Meeting	National	Oct. 21 2006	Montreal, QC		www.cenrce.org/eng/projects/2006conference/index.html	Sarah Heiberg (RCEN)

Issues, Resources and Actors

- **Goal:** an up-to-date web interface to map out issues, resources and actors for the FC community to facilitate informed and timely interventions in forest-related issues
- **Strategy:** to organize information around the levels of International, National and Provincial/Local issues
- **Presentation**
 - **Issues**
 - Identify and summarize key issues and its relation to FC mandate
 - **Resources**
 - List of key information sources (websites) and documents for each issue
 - **Actors**
 - Identify ENGOs working on each issue to facilitate cooperation amongst FC members.
 - Identify organizations and industry whose position we would hope to challenge on these issues
 - Identify key government contacts

Issues, Resources and Actors

Web Interface

Issue	Issue Summary	Info Resources	Contacts/Campaigns		
			ENGO	Industry	Govt
International					
▫ Forest/Biodiversity Conservation					
■ Climate Change and Forests					
■ UN Forum on Forests					
National					
▫ Forest/Biodiversity Conservation					
■ Boreal/Sub-Arctic Boreal Issues					
■ Softwood Lumber					
■ Forest Policy/Public Engagement					
Provincial/Local					
■ Community Forestry/Public Part.					
■ Links to Provincial Environmental Networks					

Issues, Resources and Actors

Issues Map: Example Linkages Across All 3 Levels



Things To Consider

■ Financial Resources

- Do we have any resources to get this web interface running?
- Can we compile information on a voluntary basis?

■ Security

- what information should be publicly available on the FC website?
- what information should be password protected?

■ Framing

- Who should be allowed to contribute information?
- If issues and resources are “mapped”, how can we ensure that by doing so the FC is operating in an unbiased manner yet also working to fulfill its mandate?

■ Balanced Representation

- Quebec/First Nations and related language/cultural policy
- Remote Forest Community Groups/Issues