

**Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN)
Forest Caucus Workplan 2008-09
July 2008**

Caucus Mandate

The mandate of the RCEN Forest Caucus is to share information, network and organize to increase member groups' capacity to educate, promote and advocate for the conservation and sustainable management of Canadian and global forests. The caucus members are currently involved in Community Forestry issues, taking part in the Boreal Learning Network Workshops and possibly Incidental Take on Migratory Birds consultations.

For the next coming year, the Forest Caucus will dedicate efforts to improving its engagement with local and national campaigns

1. Steering Committee

- May-June 08: Steering Committee elections completed and alternate term system established
- July 08: Develop Caucus Workplan for 2008-09
- Steering Committee will meet quarterly via teleconference (or more often as needed)

Caucus Activities

1. Community Forestry (CF) Proposal

- To promote Community Forestry and build on our successful International Community Forestry Workshop (ICFW) held in Toronto in Fall 2007, Mark Purdon will develop a short proposal to finance work on a larger proposal to present to the Global Alliance on CF in November 2008 in Nepal.
- This will seek the development of a pan-canadian community forestry alliance as well as greater action towards strengthening international efforts for community-led forestry.
- Forest Caucus members will play a consultative role in ICFW follow-up activities.

2. Boreal Learning Network Workshops

- The RCEN will participate in the series of workshops scheduled for 2008 and 2009 to further establish links with aboriginal groups working on forestry issues.
- These workshops are lead by the Sustainability Network and aim to build stronger ties between Aboriginal groups and environmental organizations.

3. Regulatory approach for Incidental Takes on Migratory Birds

- Canadian Wildlife Services may approach RCEN in the fall 2008 to engage small and medium sized ENGOs in each of the provinces and territories to participate in consultations planned for the beginning of 2009.

4. Online Forest Events Calendar

- Develop a comprehensive and up-to-date web interface that allows for postings of forest-related events happening in Canada and internationally and of interest to the RCEN community

5. Partnership for Tomorrow Program (PTP)

- Liaise with RCEN International Program Teamnet to help develop a partnership with Friends of the Siberian Forest in Russian relating to community forestry.

6. Annual Caucus Meeting

- Aim to meet at RCEN AGA, to be held in Toronto October 22-24 2008

7. Communications

- Caucus members are invited to join the International Community Forestry Workshop Google Groups. Members can join by sending an email to [Monique Lefebvre](#), Caucus Coordinator.
- For other Caucus-related issues, Caucus members can forward information to the Caucus Coordinator for distribution to the Forest email list.

8. Other areas of interest:

- Would like to get involved in 17th Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development taking place in NYC in May 2009