

**Third Meeting of the APFNet Council**

26 March, 2017 Colombo, Sri Lanka

**List of Decisions**

**Decision C.03/01** The Council adopted the agenda [APFNet/Council/ENG/2017/01-V1], with the proposed addition of items under “other matters” (APFNet 10th anniversary, observer status for economies of Greater Central Asia, and establishment of a regional database on forest legislation and policy) and with a change in the order of items 8 and 9.

**Decision C.03/02** On the proposed APFNet Work Plan 2017 [APFNet/Council/ENG/2017/04], the Council noted the importance of strengthening linkages among APFNet’s 4 pillars. In this regard, it decided to recommend to the Board that it not only urge the Secretariat to address this issue but that it also provide suggestions on how to improve these linkages.

**Decision C.03/03** The Council confirmed its support for APFNet to continue its efforts to reach out to partners - a strategy that is good for the region - not only for APFNet and individual economies. Therefore, it decided to recommend to the Board that it seek to add this item to the proposed APFNet Work Plan [APFNet/Council/ENG/2017/04].

**Decision C.03/04** During discussions on ways to enhance APFNet communications with Council members, it was decided to ask the Secretariat to compile a list of possible options in terms of using social media and to circulate it for comment and feedback on preferences.

**Decision C.03/05** The Council decided to approve the request from the 5 economies from Greater Central Asia to attend future Council meetings as observers.

**Decision C.03/06** The Council decided to support APFNet’s establishment of a regional database of forest legislation and policy. In a second phase, and to the extent feasible, consideration should be given to conducting an impartial assessment of their effectiveness, noting reasons. Lessons learned should also be included.

**Decision C.03/07** The Council noted, with appreciation, the Secretariat’s willingness to host the next meeting in China when APFNet will celebrate its 10-year anniversary. The date and venue will be determined in due course.

**Decision C.03/08** The Council adopted the decisions in principle, as presented.