A Workshop and the SFMN Project Partners' Meeting On The Global Competitiveness of Forest Industry

November 22-23, 2007

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Program

Wednesday, November 21, 2007:

7:00pm to 9:00pm Wine and Cheese Reception

Thursday, November 22, 2007:

8.30 AM Opening Remarks by SFMN Representative

8.45 AM An Overview of the SFMN Project on the Global

Competitiveness of the Canadian Forest Industry

(Shashi Kant, University of Toronto)

Chair: Prof. Kees van Kooten

9.00 AM Tenure Reform and Competitiveness

(Ilan Vertinsky, UBC)

9.45 AM Forest Tenure and Global Competitiveness: the Crutch and

the Whip

(Thomas Maness, UBC)

10.30 AM Coffee Break

Chair: Prof. Van Lantz

11.00 AM An Economic Analysis of Mountain Pine Beetle Impacts in

the Context of Global Change

(Brant Abbott, Kees van Kooten, University of Victoria, and

Brad Stennes, CFS, Victoria)

11.45 AM Is there an Environmental Kuznets Curve at the Firm Level? Evidence from the Forest Industry (Jesse Yamaguchi and Kees van Kooten, University of Victoria and Susanna Laaksonen-Craig, BC Ministry of Forests and Range)

12.30 PM Lunch

Chair: Prof. Susanna Laaksonen-Craig

1.30 PM Economic Impacts of Market and Policy Changes in Provincial Forest Industries: a CGE Modeling Approach (Thomas Ochuodho and Van Lantz, University of New Brunswick)

2.15 PM Economic Analysis of Pulp and Paper Markets of Canada and the USA (Xiaoli Tang, University of Toronto and Susanna Laaksonen-Craig, BC Ministry of Forests and Range)

3.00 PM Coffee Break

Chair: Prof. Shashi Kant

3.30 PM Economic Analysis of the North American Softwood Lumber Markets
(Chander Shahi, Lakehead University and Shashi Kant, University of Toronto)

4.30 PM Rent Capture Analysis of Ontario's Stumpage System (Fiona Yang and Shashi Kant, University of Toronto)

5.00 PM Open Discussion

7.00 PM Dinner

Friday, November 23, 2007:

	Chair: Prof. Shashi Kant
9.00 AM	An Economic Perspective on the Determination of Dumping In the US-Canada Softwood Lumber Trade (Shashi Kant and Fiona Yang, University of Toronto)
9.30 AM	Forest Certification in Brazil: Choices and Impacts (Michelle Araujo and Shashi Kant, University of Toronto)
10.00 AM	Competitiveness of Chinese Wooden Furniture Industry Analysis - From the vision of export (Han Xiao, Beijing Forestry University and Shashi Kant, University of Toronto)
10.30 AM	Coffee Break
11.00 AM	Global Competitiveness Index of Forest Industry (Shashi Kant and Shivnath Mehrotra, University of Toronto)
11.30 AM	Open Discussion and Future Directions
12.00 PM	Lunch