



The Sustainable Forest Management Network

Invites you to attend a conference

Effective Institutions for Aboriginal Engagement in SFM

Tuesday, October 21 & Wednesday, October 22, 2008

**Mayfield Inn & Suites
Logan Ballroom
16615 – 109 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta**

On October 21-22, 2008, the SFMN is holding a national conference in Edmonton on “Effective Institutions for Aboriginal Engagement in Sustainable Forest Management”. Researchers will prepare written papers of their workshop presentations prior to the workshop so that they can be edited and submitted as a comprehensive and integrated volume to be published in time for public release at the SFMN celebration in April 2009. At the same time, Aboriginal participants in research will provide comment on this research, speaking to its relevance and efficacy for Aboriginal communities and identifying research needs leading to policy and institutional reform.

The workshop will be organized according to the four main themes or research priorities developed by the SFMN for the “Sustainable Aboriginal Communities” (SAC) research theme in 2001 for the NCE mid-term review. These include: 1) the integration of Aboriginal peoples, values, knowledge, management systems, and institutions into sustainable forest management; 2) the accommodation of Aboriginal and treaty rights into sustainable forest management institutions and practices; 3) the engagement and capacity of Aboriginal peoples in forestry and the economic development of forest resources; and 4) the development of criteria and indicators to measure performance in the above three areas.

By summarizing the significant findings of 14 years of research with Aboriginal peoples on issues of direct relevance to them, by identifying the systemic barriers that continue to impede the application of research findings, and by entertaining innovative solutions to breaking down these barriers, this conference and follow-up book promises to be one of the greatest and most enduring legacies of the NCE Program.

There is no cost to attend the conference, but you must register

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