



The Sustainable Forest Management Network

Invites you to attend a workshop

Métis Sustainable Forest Management Framework Development Workshop

Tuesday, September 23 & Wednesday, September 24, 2008

The Fort Garry Hotel
The Club Meeting Room
222 Broadway
Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Métis National Council (MNC), as a member of the Sustainable Forest Management Network (SFMN), has for some time urged the SFMN to address Métis issues in forestry in a more comprehensive and integrated manner. Not only are Métis rights and interests somewhat different, they continue to receive considerably less attention than those of First Nations by most provincial government departments. The SFMN has, in consultation with its Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) and the MNC, determined that the best and most effective way to address the research needs, rights and interests of the Métis in the context of forest development and planning at this time is to hold a Métis Sustainable Forest Management Framework Development Workshop.

This workshop will discuss Métis needs, rights and interests in the context of forestry and sustainable forest management (SFM) across Canada. The workshop will identify common issues faced by most Métis forest dependent communities, and develop a framework or an approach to SFM for Métis settlements across Canada. Such a framework would feed directly into ongoing regional and national processes and policy initiatives aimed at accommodating the rights and interests of Canada's Aboriginal peoples and protecting Canada's cultural and biological diversity.

There is no cost to attend the workshop, but you must register by SEPT 12, 2008.

Please [click here to register online](#) and [click here to access your hotel reservation form](#)

(You must register online and reserve the hotel room. Group Code 1056AT to get the reduced room rate)

[Please click here for the draft agenda of the workshop](#)

Documents that will be discussed at the workshop:

[Metis & Off Reserve Aboriginal and Forestry](#)

[Metis for Questionnaire Results](#)

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