



Aboriginal Perspectives - Forest Futures Workshop October 23, 2008, Edmonton, Alberta

This is an opportunity to present your Aboriginal perspectives on the future of Canada's forests. Don't miss this special opportunity to make your voice heard!

The Sustainable Forest Management Network (SFMN) is undertaking the Forest Futures Project. This initiative is aimed at focusing the Network's researchers, industry, government and Aboriginal partners on the **future** of Canada's forests, its communities, and the economies that the forest supports. While the exact future is impossible to predict, we can envision and consider a range of possibilities. With a focus on plausible future scenarios, Canadians can anticipate policy options before the future arrives.

Dr. Peter Duinker, project leader, is hosting a series of workshops across the country that consider drivers of forest change, plausible scenarios, and analyses of these possible futures from different perspectives. The project is designed to involve many people from varied forest stakeholder groups and to integrate their expertise and insight.

A workshop planned for October 23, in Edmonton, is designed to examine what Aboriginal participants envision for Canada's future forests. **Mr. John Turner, from the Moose Cree First Nation**, will serve as the workshop facilitator. He will invite participants to discuss their views on the condition, uses, management and governance of Canadian forests.

For registration information and/or travel assistance (preauthorization required), please telephone Alison Boddy (780-492-8037) or email her at Alison.Boddy@sfmnetwork.ca.

[Please click here to register for the workshop](#)

In preparation for the Forest Futures workshop, you are requested to read selected **driver papers** and the **four scenarios** at: http://www.sfmnetwork.ca/html/forest_futures_docs_e.html For those who do not have access to the web or who might wish to have printed copies, please call Alison Boddy at 780-492-8037, and she will mail you hard copies of these documents.

Take note: There will also be an *Effective Institutions for Aboriginal Engagement* conference, hosted by Dr. Marc Stevenson, occurring in Edmonton on October 21-22; this is immediately before the Aboriginal Forest Futures workshop. If you would like to be involved in both workshops, the SFM Network will provide travel assistance. Please contact Alison Boddy, as noted above, if you have any questions and for preauthorization of travel expenses.