



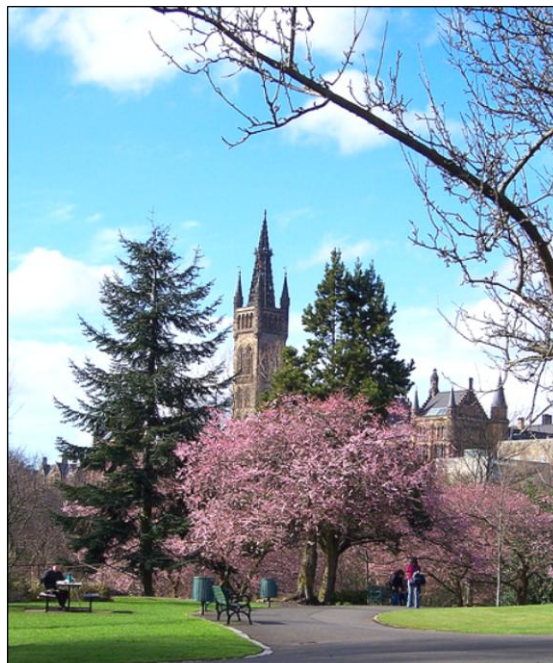
## ***Trees connecting People: In Action Together***

**FAO INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP**

# ***"Developing guidelines for decision and policy makers: trees and forests for healthy cities"***

**GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, 30<sup>TH</sup> AND 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2011**

**FIANAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS**



*Source: Glasgow City Council*



## INVITATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will hold an international workshop on “Developing Guidelines for Decision and Policy Makers: Trees and Forests for Healthy Cities”, in Glasgow, Scotland, on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011. The workshop is co-organized with Forestry Commission Scotland and Glasgow City Council. It will be held immediately prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Forum on Urban Forestry also organized by Forestry Commission Scotland in the same city (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011).

The purpose of the FAO international workshop is to support the development of International Voluntary Guidelines for Policy and Decision Makers promoting Urban and Peri-Urban Forestry that will be published in July 2012. This inception workshop is a key step in a consultative and participatory process inviting national, regional and international institutions to provide guidance and collaborate in promoting local participation and ownership of the guidelines.

The methodology proposed for producing the Guidelines consists of three components. The first is a “Communication Strategy” supporting awareness raising, seeking inputs from countries and regions, and facilitating the validation of results. The second is the formulation of the ‘Guidelines’ based on a participatory approach and informed by regions. The third is ‘resource mobilization and initiatives from countries’ including participation by leader and champion countries with the aim of promoting the regional use of the Guidelines, putting in place a regional network of stakeholders, gathering the core elements for strategies and action plans, and having in place the conditions to validate the UPF Guidelines as soon as published. Detailed information on the process is contained in a Concept Note (Feb. 2011) that is available upon request.

## PARTICIPANTS

The meeting will be open to experts and institutions interested in participating in the guidelines development. Practitioners, policy and decision makers, scientists and civil society

representatives, involved at local, national and international levels, will find a forum for dialogue to build further collaboration. Participants may come *inter alia* from municipalities and decentralized authorities, government and civil society, and the forestry, agriculture, landscape and energy sectors.

## PROGRAMME

The two-day inception workshop will review and provide recommendations on the following:

1. Communication Strategy and Toolkit to support the Guidelines’ development (Component 1).
2. Draft annotated outline of the Guidelines (Component 2).
3. Mobilization of partnerships and resources for studies and regional participation (Component 3).
4. Key events and activities to support and organize during the process.
5. The best way to support Guidelines’ development and UPF in the framework of the International Year of Forests 2011 and, more specifically, during the month of October 2011 which will be dedicated to “Urban Forestry” in line with the UN World Habitat Day (3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011).

The programme of the two-day meeting will be organized as follows:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> day will be dedicated to oral presentations in the morning, followed in the afternoon by a plenary discussion on the process, the objectives and the review of the draft annotated outline of the Guidelines (point 1 above);
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> day will be dedicated to plenary and group discussions on the Communication/Outreach Strategy, partnership and resource mobilization, regional mobilization, key future events and special activities for the International Year of Forest 2011 (points 2 – 5 above).

The main results of the meeting will be immediately presented at the European Forum on Urban Forestry, on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 as well as at other events. Participants are also invited to disseminate the information in their institutions, countries and at international and national events.

## VENUE & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Venue

<b>May 30<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Premier Inn Glasgow City Centre (George Square)</b> 187 George Street Glasgow <a href="http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/GLACIT/glasgow-city-centre-george-square">http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/GLACIT/glasgow-city-centre-george-square</a> T: 0871 527 8440
<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Debating chamber, Glasgow City Chambers Glasgow City Council</b> City Chambers Glasgow <a href="http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/">http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/</a>



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### Accommodation

1. **Premier Inn, Glasgow City Centre** (George Square) is the venue for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the workshop, and nearest hotel for the second day (see location and contact information above).

Rooms are available on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May at a discount rate of £67.50 (108.17 USD) single and £75.50 (120.99 USD) double occupancy, per room, per night (N.B. prices are shown in GBP and converted to USD).

For the participants staying on for European Forum on Urban Forestry (EFUF) they can use this facility to book for additional nights at a discount rate too.

To take advantage of the special price, participants need to book through the website set up especially for the EFUF [www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/GMB/EUFFAM2011](http://www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/GMB/EUFFAM2011)

2. **Ramada Glasgow City Hotel** is the second nearest hotel to the workshop.

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[www.ramadajarvis.co.uk/hotels/glasgow.aspx](http://www.ramadajarvis.co.uk/hotels/glasgow.aspx).

Room rates start at £58.50 (93.75 USD) per night.

### Transportation

Transportation from airports to Glasgow City Centre:

1. **Glasgow International Airport:**

- Shuttle buses from the airport direct to Glasgow City Centre leave every 10 min and stop at major hotels: £4.50 (7.21 USD) or £7.00 (11.22 USD) with an open return.
- Taxis are always available: £20.00 (32.05 USD) - £22.00 (35.26 USD).
- Transit time: 25 min.

2. **Glasgow Prestwick International Airport:**

- Direct trains leave every 30 min. (every hour on Sundays) to Glasgow City Centre
- Transit time: 50 min.

3. **Glasgow Queen Street Railway Station** and **Glasgow Central Railway Station** are at walking distance or short taxi journey from the venues.

### Deadline for registration

Attendance at the workshop may have to be restricted due to space limitations. You are requested to respond to this call for participation as soon as possible. The deadline has been extended to 1 May 2011.

- Send your request by return email to: [michelle.gauthier@fao.org](mailto:michelle.gauthier@fao.org) and [marie.lapointe@fao.org](mailto:marie.lapointe@fao.org)
- In your response, kindly provide some information about why you are interested in participating in the workshop and how you intend to contribute to the process.

### Letters of invitations

Letters of invitation will be sent in due course.

### Registration fees

No registration fees are applicable.

### Working language

The working language will be English.

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

The Preliminary agenda will be sent to participants and posted on <http://km.fao.org/urbanforestry/> on 13 May 2011.

## ORGANIZATION

The event is organized by the FAO Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division, in close collaboration with the FAO “Food for the Cities” multidisciplinary initiative on urban issues, and by the hosting institution, Forestry Commission Scotland, UK.

### Organizing committee & secretariat

- Michelle Gauthier, FAO
- Clive Davies, Consultant FAO
- Marie Lapointe, FAO
- Bob Frost, Community Development Policy Advisor, Forestry Commission Scotland

### Advisory committee

- Vandana Chavan, Advocate and former Mayor of Pune, India
- Julien Custot, Facilitator, Food for the Cities, FAO, Italy
- Manoj Dabas, Executive Director, Aravali Foundation for Education, India
- Cléto Dikumagenge, Facilitator Delegate for the Congo Basin Forest Partnership, Cameroun
- Cecil Konijnendijk, Coordinator, IUFRO Research Group 6.14.00 'Urban Forestry'
- Gunther Merzthal, Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean of Urban Agriculture and Forestry, IPES, Peru
- Philip Rodbell, Staff Specialist, USDA Forest Service, USA
- Andrew Rudd, Associate Human Settlements Officer, Urban Environment and Planning Branch UN-Habitat, Kenya
- Giovanni Sanesi, Associate Professor, University of Bari, Italy
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