



**Response to invitation to the United Nations Secretary-General: 22nd Session
of the Committee on Forestry and Fourth World Forest Week, Rome, 23-27
June 2014**

Rommel Maranan to: cofo-2014

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Cc: Mary Sack, Jackilyn Punsal

Dear colleagues,

I am writing from the Scheduling Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, in response to the note verbale received from the Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organization dated 11 April 2014 (your reference no. C/X/FO-701 (b)), in which the Secretary-General was invited to the 22nd Session of the Committee on Forestry and Fourth World Forest Week, to be held in Rome from 23-27 June 2014.

I regret to inform you that the Secretary-General will be unable to participate nor send a representative in the event, owing to prior commitments.

We thank you for your understanding and wish to convey our best wishes for the success of the event.

Sincerely,

Rommel Christopher Maranan

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Thanks - JA
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cc: CWS, ABP, RM, JP

To Mary
Pl. regret +
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need for representation.
In 2012, we regretted without representation.

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has the honour to extend an invitation to attend the Twenty-second Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO), which will be held at FAO Headquarters in Rome from 23 to 27 June 2014. The meeting will open on Monday 23 June at 09.30 hours. Registration of participants will take place from 14.00 hours on Sunday 22 June and from 08.00 hours on Monday 23 June at the Turkish Registration Centre, Building A.

The Twenty-second Session of COFO will be the main event of the Fourth World Forest Week which will focus on "Forests and People: the socio-economic impacts of sustainable forest management" and will feature, in addition to COFO, a number of events sponsored by FAO partners and Members.

The session is being convened under the provisions of Article V-6 of the FAO Constitution and is open to members of the Committee and to observers. Expenses incurred in connection with attendance at the Session and travel of representatives and observers shall be borne by the governments or organizations concerned.

The Session will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The Provisional Agenda is enclosed. Further documents, including the Provisional Timetable and additional information, may be downloaded at: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/57758/en/>.

The Director-General would appreciate being informed by 23 May 2014 of the names, official titles and addresses of observers designated to attend the Twenty-second Session, by e-mail to COFO-2014@fao.org. Observer delegates are advised to register in advance of the meeting by completing the registration form available at <http://www.fao.org/forestry/57758/en/> and forwarding it to the above-mentioned email account, together with a recent passport-size digital photograph.

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COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

Rome, Italy, 23-27 June 2014

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Election of Officers and Designation of the Drafting Committee
4. State of the World's Forests 2014: Enhancing the socioeconomic benefits from forests
 - 4.1. Policy measures to sustain and enhance benefits
 - 4.2. Innovations in the forest products sector and promoting products from sustainably managed forests
 - 4.3. Income, employment and livelihoods
 - 4.4. Forests and family farming
 - 4.5. Payment for ecosystem services and forest financing
5. Contribution to global processes and initiatives
 - 5.1. Forests and the Sustainable Development Goals
 - 5.2. The Zero Hunger Challenge
 - 5.3. The Zero Illegal Deforestation Initiative
 - 5.4. Review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests
 - 5.5. The Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources
 - 5.6. Forests and gender equality
6. Implementation of the recommendations of past Sessions of the Committee and other FAO Governing Bodies
7. FAO's work in forestry under the reviewed Strategic Framework
 - 7.1. Program priorities
 - 7.2. Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, and the Climate Summit 2014

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- 7.3. Enhancing work on boreal forests and dryland forests
 - 8. Date and place of the next Session
 - 9. Adoption of the Report
 - 10. Closure of the Session