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ASEM

Meeting on Sustainable Management and Use of Forests in Policy and Practice

24-27 May 2015

Ljubljana, Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia

Sunday, 24 May 2015

Expected arrivals of ASEM delegates to Ljubljana

- 18.30** **Departure of buses from Grand hotel Union for Vila Podrožnik**
Meeting point: Entrance of Grand Hotel Union, Miklošičeva 1, Ljubljana
- 19.00 - 21.00** **Evening reception for participants of the ASEM Meeting given by the host country**
Venue: Vila Podrožnik, cesta 27. aprila 59, Ljubljana
- 21.00** **Departure of buses from Vila Podrožnik for Grand hotel Union**
Grand Hotel Union, Miklošičeva 1, Ljubljana

Monday, 25 May 2015

- 8.30** **Departure of buses from Grand hotel Union for Brdo Congress Centre**
Meeting point: Entrance of Grand Hotel Union, Miklošičeva 1, Ljubljana
- 9.30 - 10.00** **Registration of the delegation**
Venue: Brdo Congress Center, Predoslje 39, Brdo pri Kranju
- 10.00** **ASEM Meeting - Sustainable Management and Use of Forests in Policy and Practice**
Venue: Grandis Hall, Brdo Congress Center, Predoslje 39, Brdo pri Kranju
- 10.00-10.10.1** **Welcoming addresses:**
Mr Miha Marenče, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia
Mr Aleksander Geržina, Ambassador, Acting Director-General for Bilateral Relations and European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
Mr Liu Dongsheng, Vice Administrator, State Forestry Administration of the People's Republic of China
- 10.10** **Slovenian National Forest Policy**
 - **Mr Miha Marenče**, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia
- 10.25** **Introductory words by Ms Nike Krajnc**, Slovenian Forestry Institute, Moderator
- 10.30-10.40** **Activities of DG ENV to support sustainable forest management**
 - **Mr Robert Flies**, Adviser to Director in the Directorate B-Natural Capital of DG ENV European Commission
- 10.40** **The new EU Forest Strategy**
 - **Ms María Gafo Gómez-Zamalloa**, Team Leader "Forestry", Unit H4 "environment, forestry and climate change" DG Agriculture and Rural Development
- 11.00** **"Multipurpose, close-to-nature forestry in Slovenia: Preparing forests for the future"**
 - **Mr Jurij Diaci**, Department of Forestry, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana
- 11.20 - 11.50** **Coffee break**
- 12.00** **Monitoring of forests in Slovenia**
 - **Mr Primož Simončič**, Slovenian Forestry Institute
- 12.20** **Forest management planning in Slovenia – an overview**
 - **Mr Dragan Matijašič**, Slovenia Forest Service
- 12.40** **Experience, challenges and best practice in the Management of Forests**

- **Mr Zhang Songdan**, Deputy Director General, Department of Forest Resource Management, State Forestry Administration of China

13.00 Lunch break

Venue: Splendens Hall, Brdo Congress Center, Predoslje 39, Brdo pri Kranju

14.30-14.45 APFNet's efforts in promoting Sustainable Forest Management in Asia and Pacific

- **Mr Xia Jun**, Assistant Executive Director of APFNet, Asia-Pacific Network on Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet)

14.45 - 15.00 Experience, challenges and best practice in the Management of Forests

- **Mr Ingwald Gschwandt**, Head of Division - Forest Policy and Forest Information Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 - 15.45 Experience, challenges and best practice in the Management of Forests in Cambodia

- **Mr Bun Radar**, Deputy Director, Department of Forest Industry and International Cooperation, The Forestry Administration of the Kingdom of Cambodia

15.45 - 16.00 Experience, challenges and best practice in the Management of Forests in Thailand

- **Mr Preecha Ongprasert**, Director of Training Division, Royal Forest Department, Thailand

16.00 - 16.15 The importance of a chain between forests as a natural capital and wood as a raw material

- **Mr Rinaldo Comino** - Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy

16.15 - 16.30 "SFM in a growing bioeconomy – past, present and future in Sweden"

- **Mrs Karin Östberg**, Chief District Forester, Swedish Forestry Agency

16.30 - 16.45 National Report on Sustainable Forest Management in Korea 2014

- **Mr Se Kyung Chong**, Senior Researcher, National Institute of Forest Science

16.45 - 17.00 Sustainable Forest Management in Poland

- **Mr Piotr Otawski**, Under-secretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Poland

17.00 Discussion on the advantages, limitations and possibilities for introducing the principles of sustainable forest management into national policies

Conclusions and closing remarks by Ms Nike Krajnc, Slovenian Forestry Institute, Moderator

18.00 - 20.00 Evening reception for participants of the ASEM Meeting co-hosted by the State Forestry Administration of China and APFNet

Venue: Brdo Castle, Predoslje 39, Brdo pri Kranju

20.00 **Departure of buses from Brdo Castle for Grand hotel Union**

Grand Hotel Union, Miklošičeva 1, Ljubljana

Tuesday, 26 May 2015

Field trip

Presentation of Slovenian good practices of the forest management in the Slovenian Karst region

Notranjsko-Kraška region

Please note: light off-road footwear recommended

8.30 **Departure from Ljubljana toward Karst region**

Meeting point: Entrance of Grand Hotel Union, Miklošičeva 1, Ljubljana

10.00 **Short stop in Koritnice** : View on landscape from Koritnice

Recovery of degraded landscape: In past centuries the Pivka valley and low Karst suffered severe deforestation to provide wood for shipyards and other needs of developing coastal towns e.g. Trieste and Venice. Additionally overgrazing of big herds of cattle and sheep resulted in bare rocky surface and loss of soil. Large investment in afforestation with Austrian pine (*Pinus nigra*) between years 1860 and 1960 was successful along with reduce of the pressure of farming.

Presentation given by:

- **Mr Živan Veselič, Head of Section for profesional matters, Slovenian Forest Service**
- **Ms Špela Elizabeta Habič, Head of Section Assistant, Slovenian Forest Service, Regional Unit Postojna, Section for Forest management planning**

10.15 **Deparute to Mašun**

10.30 **Arrival to Mašun** (1024 altitude)

Venue: Mašun 1, 6253 Knežak

10.30-10.45 **Refreshment**

Mašun: Multipurpose forest: The Snežnik mountain ridge (1796 m a.s.l.) is covered with vast, dense forest mainly of beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and silver fir (*Abies alba*). 150 years ago the management of the forest was introduced. Present forestry is based on main principles of sustainability, close to nature management and multipurpose use of the forest. Collected data and experiences from the past have great value for a proper respond to demanding expectations of modern society to the forests.

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Guided walk through the forest

12.30 Reception for participants of the ASEM Meeting given by the host country

Venue: Gostišče Mašun, Mašun 1, 6253 Knežak

14.00 Departure from Mašun to Ljubljana

16.30 Return to Ljubljana

Grand Hotel Union, Miklošičeva 1, Ljubljana

Wednesday, 27 May 2015

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