



WELCOME *to*
MEGA*florestais*

13th Annual Meeting of MegaFlorestais
Vidsel, Sweden June 26-29, 2018

Welcome to MegaFlorestais

*Building momentum for
forestry in the
bioeconomy and
sustainable development*

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Our Partners:



Our Affiliated Networks:





BACKGROUND

- Origins and goals of the MegaFlorestais network
- Activities of the network
- Meeting outcomes



ORIGINS
and
GOALS

- **MegaFlorestais:** “Those with the greatest forests” in Portuguese
- **When:** Created in 2005
- **Why:** To engage informally with top leaders of public forest agencies to advance international dialogue and exchange on critical issues facing the world’s forests. An opportunity generally not offered in other forums.
- **Method:** Create candor using the Chatham House Rule



ORIGINS *and* GOALS

- **Address** the most important issues facing the forest sector and accelerate learning and innovation
- **Promote** the implementation of new practices and policies for strengthening forest governance and forest agencies

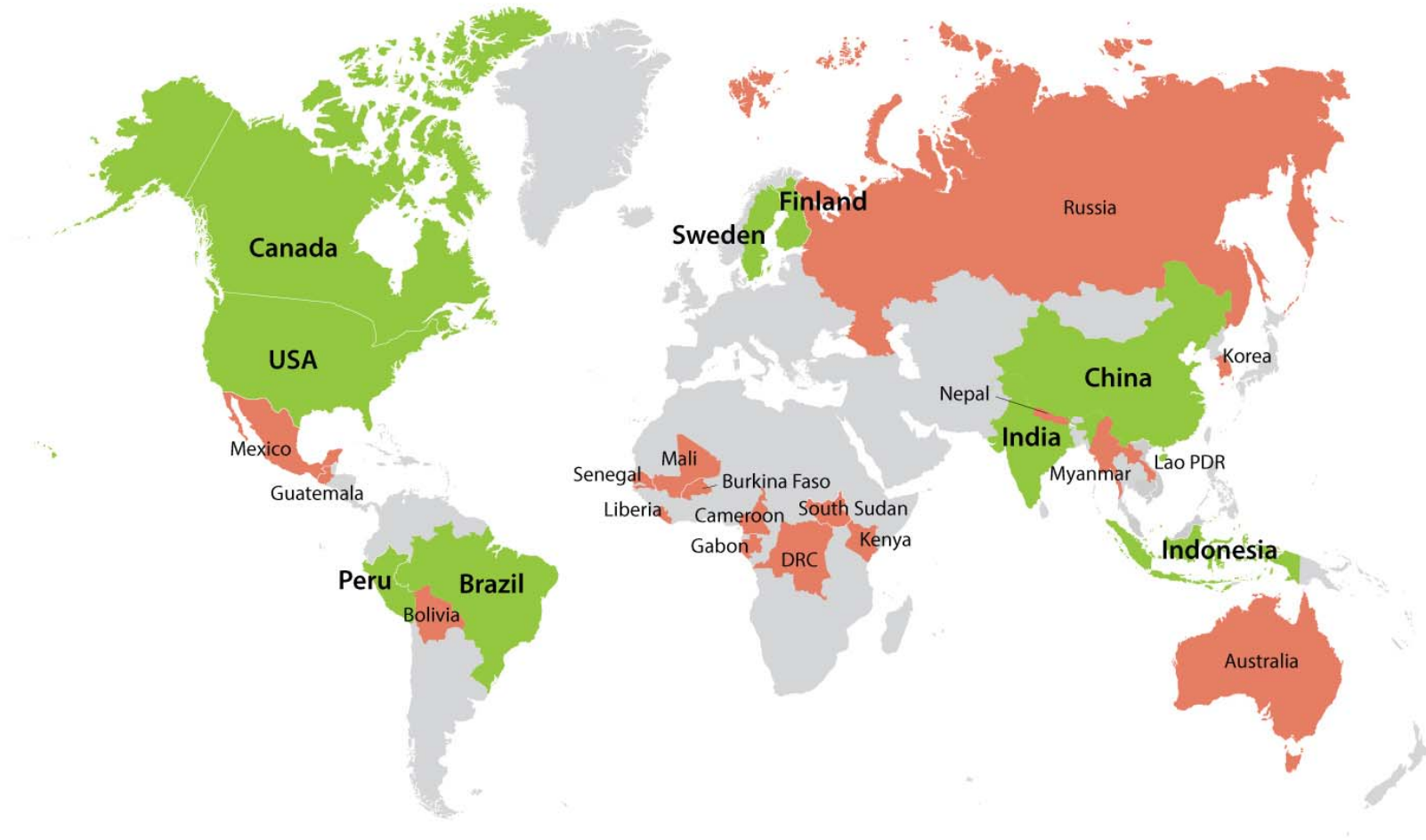


ORIGINS *and* GOALS

- **Foster** strong relationships and empower forest leaders to become change agents within their agencies and across ministries



ALL MEGAFLORESTAIS COUNTRIES



MegaFlorestais participant countries account for approximately **50%** of the world's forests.



The
NETWORK

Previous meetings:

- 2006 USA (Pennsylvania)
- 2007 Russia (St. Petersburg)
- 2008 Brazil (Amazon)
- 2009 Canada (British Columbia)
- 2010 China (Fujian)
- 2011 Mexico (Oaxaca)
- 2012 USA (Santa Fe)
- 2013 Indonesia (Bali)
- 2014 Cameroon (Buea)
- 2015 Peru (Yucay)
- 2016 China (Xishuangbanna)
- 2017 Canada (British Columbia)
- **2018 Sweden (Vidsel)**



The NETWORK

- Current participating countries' **forest areas** (in millions of hectares):

Brazil	493.5	Peru	73.9
Canada	347.0	India	70.7
USA	310.1	Sweden	28.1
China	208.3	Finland	22.2
Indonesia	91.0		

Source: FAO, 2015 Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA2015)

Other countries that have participated in MegaFlorestais activities/workshops include: Australia, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, DRC, Gabon, Guatemala, Kenya, Korea, Lao PDR, Liberia, Mali, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Senegal, and South Sudan

The NETWORK

- **Co-Chairs:** Sally Collins, Former Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service; Herman Sundqvist, Director General, Swedish Forest Service
- The Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) acts as the **Secretariat and co-convener**
- **Financed** by RRI and host countries





MEGAforestais

Connecting Forest Agency Leaders of
The Most Forested Countries



NETWORK ACTIVITIES

- **Annual meetings of MegaFlorestais**
- **Next generation of forest agency leaders seminars:** created to better prepare for next generation of leaders to lead in a more complex social, political, environmental, and market context; held 6 times since 2010, 116 participants trained
- **Rethinking forest regulations workshops:** designed to assist forest agency officials undergoing the process of reforming forest regulations. Held 5 times since 2010 – 65 government officials and civil society representatives trained



NETWORK ACTIVITIES

- **Exchanges and study tours** (China to the US, Lao PDR and India to Mexico, Indonesia to Brazil)
- **Participation in key international events** (UN Forum on Forests, World Forestry Congress, IUFRO)
- **Publications** (2 papers by former MegaFlorestais leaders on “Public Forest Agencies of the 21st Century” and “10 Years of MegaFlorestais,” brief on “Rethinking Forest Regulations” by RRI and MegaFlorestais leaders)
- **Communication and exchange of information** through newsletters, blogs, and social media



OUTCOMES:
2017

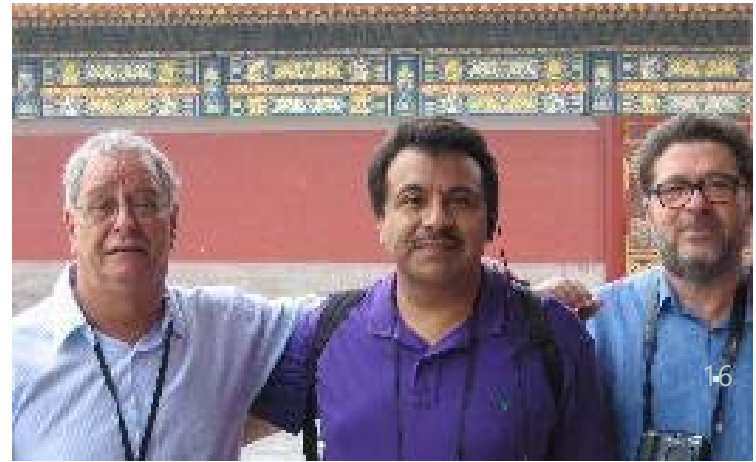
- **Feedback on strategic plan** after first year and new funding mechanism
- **2018 schedule of events**, including Sweden's hosting of this year's meeting
- **Reviewing other workshop opportunities** (Rethinking Regulations, Next Generation Leaders)
- **Informal sharing of perspectives** for communications materials underscoring achievements of MegaFlorestais network



OUTCOMES:
2018

- **2019 schedule of events**, including Brazil's possible hosting of next year's meeting
- **Reviewing workshop opportunities and possibilities for collaboration** with other organizations and networks, such as the Tenure Facility and Interlaken Group
- **Commitments to blog, share information, meet in between** as opportunities present









THANK YOU