



# Setting the Context

## MegaFlorestais and *Next Generation of Forest Agency Leaders*

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# Today's Discussion

- I. Origin and Goals of the MegaFloresta Network**
- II. Activities of the Network**
- III. Next Generation of Forest Leaders Background and Goals**
- IV. Who is here in Oaxaca this week? And Why?**

# I. The MegaFlorestais Network

## Origins and Goals

- MegaFlorestais: *“those with the greatest forests”*  
(in Portuguese)
- When: Created in 2005 (at an RRI meeting in China)
- Why: To informally engage the top public forest agency leaders in advancing international dialogue and exchange on:
  - *Forest governance and the role of forest agencies*
  - *Global trends affecting forests (industry, trade, etc.)*
  - *Tenure and rights associated with ‘forest people’*



# Goals

- Candid dialogue on the most important issues facing the forest sector (e.g. climate change, trade)
- Share strategies and approaches to tenure and regulatory reforms
- Discuss how forest agencies have adapted/should adapt to new issues and challenges
- Exchange strategies on how to manage large, catastrophic events (fire, insects/disease)



# Method

Create the opportunity for leaders to share their challenges and experiences in an open, frank way (Chatham House Rule). Collectively strengthen their abilities to address transitions in the forest sector.



# The MegaFlorestais network

## Current Participating Countries—Million hectares of forests

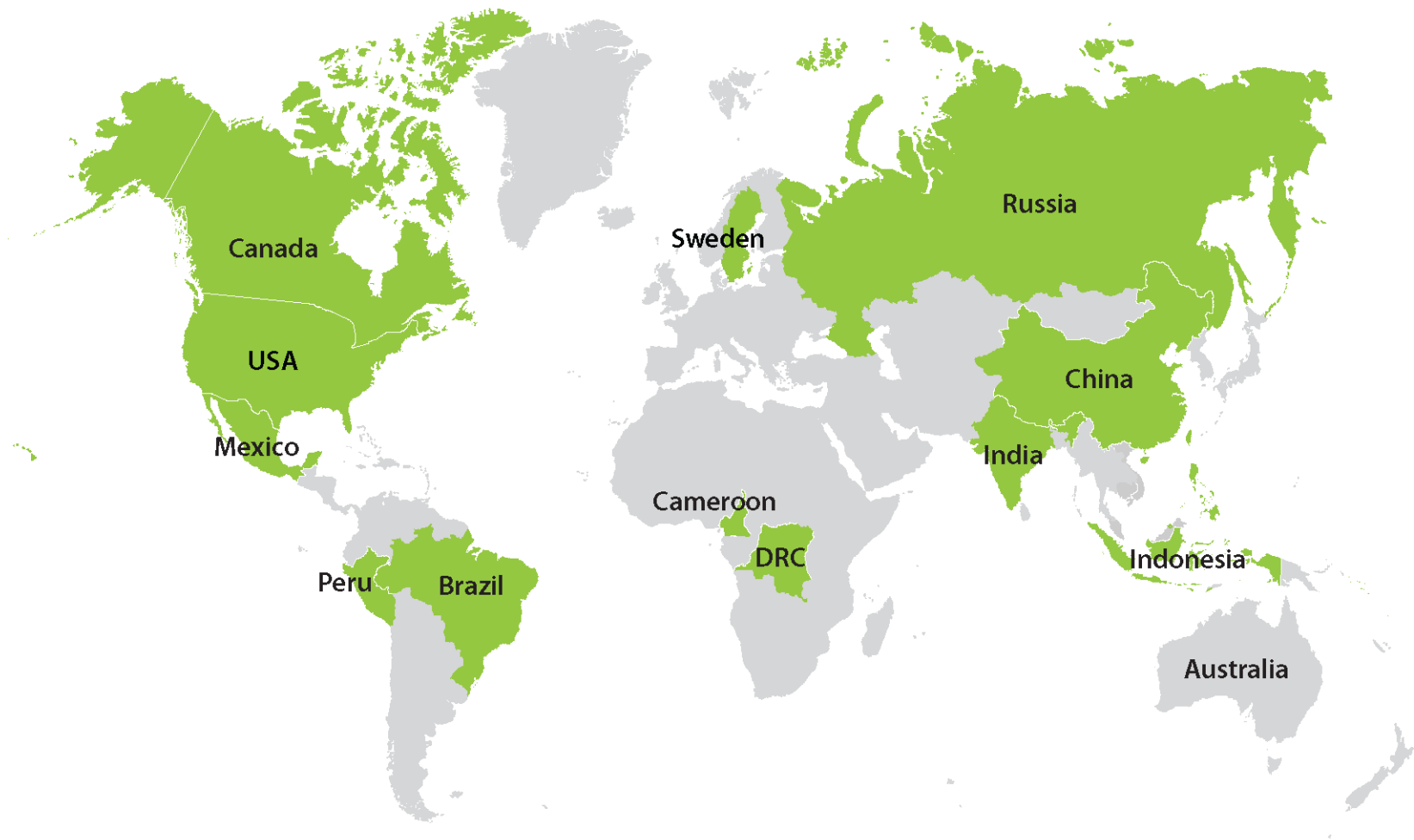
Russia	809.1	Indonesia	94.4
Brazil	519.5	India	68.4
Canada	310.1	Peru	68
USA	304	Mexico	64.8
China	206.9	Sweden	28.1
DRC	154.1	Cameroon	19.9

Source: The Economist, 2010

Past Participants in the Network: Australia

# MegaFlorestais Core Countries

**Over 65% of the world's forests**



# Governance of the network



## **Co-Chairs (a duo of current and former *MegaFlorestais* Leaders):**

1. Glenn Mason, Assistant deputy Minister of the Canadian Forest Service (CFS), Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
2. Sally Collins, Former Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service

RRI acts as the secretariat and co-convenor

Financed by RRI and host countries



# 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)



# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video



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## II. Activities of the Network

- Next Generation of Forest Agency Leaders Seminar
- Rethinking Forest Regulations Workshop
- Exchanges and Study Tours
- Opinion piece on Public Forest Agencies of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Blog



# III. Next Generation of Forest Agency Leaders Seminar

- Engage the next generation of senior executives from forest agencies and related public agencies in cutting-edge analysis and information for a deeper understanding of global transitions in forest tenure and governance, and markets.
- Better prepare them to lead in a more complex social, political, environmental and market context.
- Promote improved information sharing among these agency leaders through frank and open dialogue in a small group setting.







# Previous *Next Generation* Meetings

2010 and 2011: US Hosted at Grey Towers

- **18** representatives from 7 countries.
- **18** representatives from 8 countries.

2012: Canada Hosted at Whistler, British Columbia

- **26** representatives from 11 countries.

2013, 2014 and 2015: Mexico Hosted at Oaxaca

- **18** representatives from 9 countries.
- **17** representatives from 6 countries.

# 5 seminars: 98 participants from 12 countries

Country	Names
Brazil	<b>2010:</b> Fernando Castanheira, Marcelo Arguelles, Cristina Galvao Alves <b>2011:</b> Humberto Navarro, Fernando Tatagiba, <b>2012:</b> Daniel Piotto, Ana Euler <b>2013:</b> Thiago Longo Menezes, André Andrade <b>2014:</b> Daniel Mireiles Tristao, Sergio Carvalho, Aloisio Lopez Pereira de Melo
Cameroon	<b>2012:</b> Yves Nkoum Messoua, Adama Haman <b>2013:</b> Georges Amougou Ondoua, Armony Ange Ottou <b>2014:</b> Theodor Aladoum, Eric Kaffo
Canada	<b>2010:</b> James Brandt, Kevin Porter, Catriona Armstrong <b>2011:</b> Terry Hatton, Judi Beck, Patrick Wylie <b>2012:</b> Nicolas Duval-Mace, Catherine Ste-Marie, Vincent Roy <b>2013:</b> Trudy Samuel, Amélie Roberge <b>2014:</b> Caroline Rochon, Roxanne Comeau, Gordon Giles
China	<b>2010:</b> Zhongtian Zhang, Shuxin Li, Jun Xiao <b>2011:</b> Wang Xiaoli, Zhang Hongxiao <b>2012:</b> Wushe Cui, Nuoli Gao <b>2013:</b> Shilei Lu, Ping Yao, Leilei Yuan
DRC	<b>2010:</b> Prosper Ngetele, Theophile Gata <b>2011:</b> Guy Landu Bikembo <b>2012:</b> Bibiane Ndeke Biambala, Felly Boole Momba, Abraham Itshudu Ekumbaki <b>2013:</b> Corneille Kumbazi Mbemba

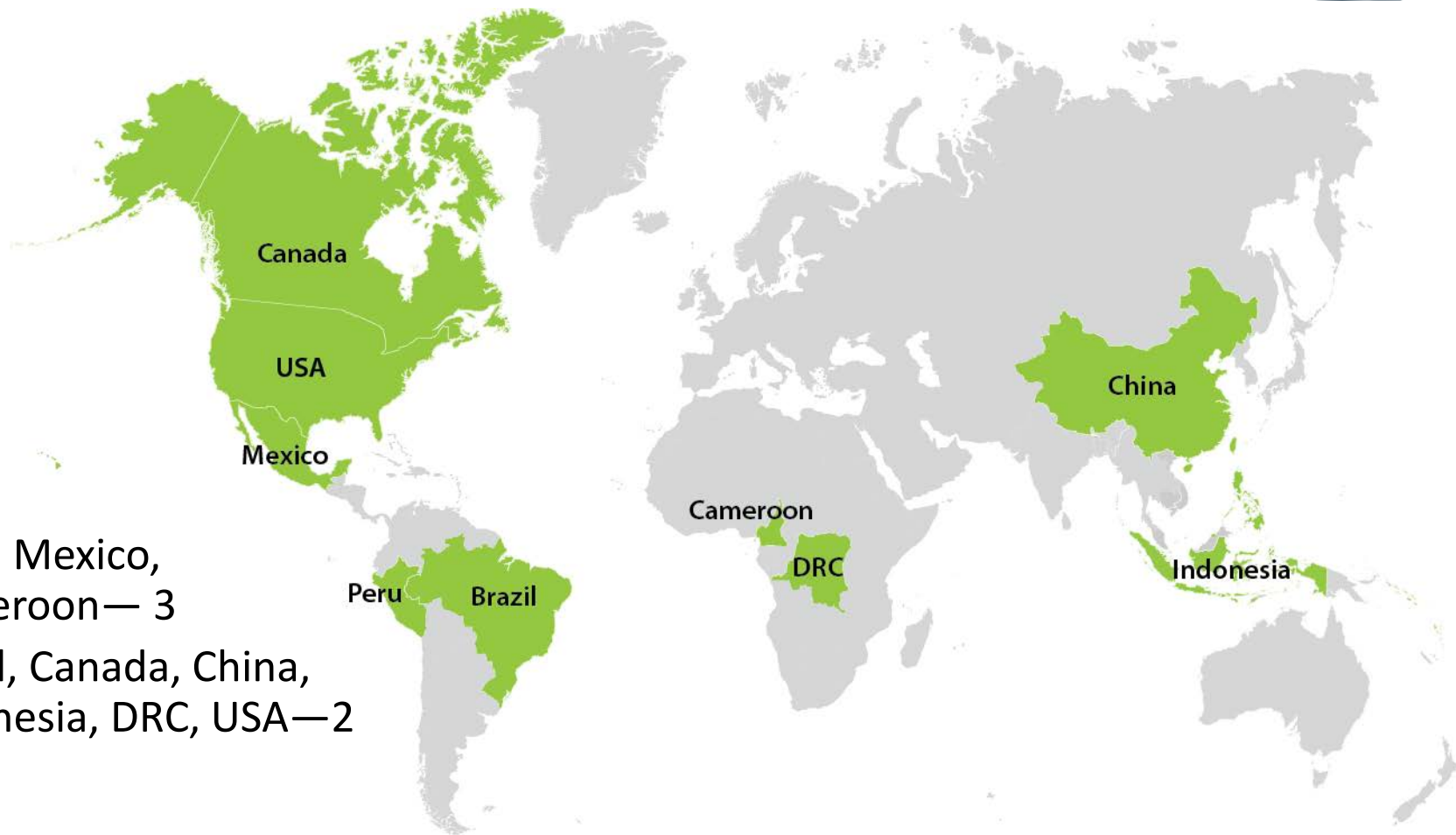
Indonesia	<b>2010:</b> Haruni Krisnawati, Rahayu Riana <b>2011:</b> Ruandha Agung Sugardiman, Yana Juhana, Fitri Nurfatriani <b>2012:</b> I Wayan Susi Dharmawan, Magdalena <b>2013:</b> Franciscus Xaferius Herwirawan, Andi Setiawan <b>2014:</b> Retno Kuswandari, I Gusti Raka Wisnu
Liberia	<b>2012:</b> Garvoie Kardoh, Emmanuel Munyeneh
Mexico	<b>2012:</b> Mayra Valdez Lizárraga, Juan Carlos Leyva Reyes, Alondra Yaxibi Martinez Flores <b>2013:</b> Carlos Magallón, Rodolfo Moreno Cruz
Peru	<b>2011:</b> Vivian Paredes, Gustavo Suárez de Freitas <b>2012:</b> David Llanos Dulanto <b>2013:</b> Elena Rubio Urrelo, Luis Ma Wong
Russia	<b>2010:</b> Ivan Sovetnikov, Tatyana Yakusheva <b>2011:</b> Dmitry Myachin, Marina Smirnova
South Sudan	<b>2012:</b> Martin Lohure Tobio Iluya, Angelo Okenyi Langalanga
USA	<b>2010:</b> Liz Agpaoa, Daniel Jiron, Susan Rich <b>2011:</b> Sheri S. Mann, Leanne Marten <b>2012:</b> Cecilia Romero Seesholtz, Victoria C. Christiansen <b>2013:</b> Peggy Ann Polichio, Jennifer Eberlien <b>2014:</b> Bryan Rice, Monica Lear, Eunice Padley

## IV. Why Oaxaca and Why You?

A very unique and special place with some of the best examples of community forestry in the world



# Why you? Who is here today?



- Peru, Mexico, Cameroon— 3
- Brazil, Canada, China, Indonesia, DRC, USA—2 each

*From Ministries of Forestry, Environment, Finance, Land Affairs  
with a wide range of responsibilities*



# What is Unique about YOU?

Your agency leaders saw something special in you, which could be:

- The potential to move into higher leadership positions in the future
- Influence: you are leaders where you are today
- Out-of-the-box thinkers
- Great synthesizers, thinkers, “thought” leaders
- Excellent communicators
- Solid, positive reputation with peers
- A desire to learn, to grow, to be effective as forest leaders

# What do we want you to get from this week?



- Understand the global trends in the forest sector: how they affect you, but also how your work has an impact globally. You are now contributing to resource management issues beyond a local or national level...
- Get some tools, new ideas and fresh perspective.
- Embrace the informality and the Chatham House rule: be honest!
- Understand you have a responsibility that goes beyond just learning and taking ideas back home that can contribute to your jobs: give some thoughts about what you have to GIVE to the larger community of forestry in the world, how can you contribute beyond the organization you currently work in and its goals.

# Welcome to Oaxaca!

