

FIRST REMINDER: Submission of motions for the 2008 FSC General Assembly and requests for side meetings

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### **2008 FSC General Assembly Promoting Responsible Management of the World's Forests Cape Town, South Africa 3 – 7 November 2008**

The 2008 FSC General Assembly represents an opportunity to support FSC as it works to implement globally responsible forest management. Business leaders and representatives from the non-profit sector and local communities will discuss a variety of topics. Stakeholders from more than 60 countries will come together to improve forest management around the globe.

#### **Request / recommend a side meeting:**

The General Assembly is an opportunity for FSC Members to participate in much more than the formal business of the General Assembly. This may include training sessions, workshops, updates and the sharing of experiences. To make the best use of this opportunity FSC Members are encouraged to send recommendations and/or requests for the General Assembly agenda and associated events (side meetings before the formal business days) to the Secretariat ([g.garza@fsc.org](mailto:g.garza@fsc.org)) before 6 June 2008.

#### **Submission of Motions to the General Assembly:**

**Please make sure to submit your motions by no later than 6 June 2008 to:**  
[motions2008@fsc.org](mailto:motions2008@fsc.org)

1. The Board of Directors designated a Motions Committee, which has balanced representation from North and South and will be supported by a designated staff person from the Secretariat. The members of the motions committee are:  
Mr. Cristian Vallejos, Environmental South  
Mr. Alan Knight, Economic North  
Mr. Luis Astorga, Social South  
Technical Secretary: Mr. Andre de Freitas, Head of Operations of FSC International Center
2. Motions shall be sent to the Motions Committee, which are moved by one (1) and seconded by two (2) designated representatives of FSC member organizations or individual members by no later than **6 June 2008**.
3. All motions must be submitted in either English or Spanish. (When the text of a motion is not provided to the Motions Committee in both official languages the Committee will provide the official translation to the other language.)

4. The Motions Committee will approach movers and seconders of motions, which relate to the same subject and encourage them to agree to a single motion or common set of motions.
5. The Motions Committee may reject a motion if it would require FSC to violate legal requirements, and if it fails to comply with the protocol requirements or deadlines.
6. No later than 19 September 2008 the Motions Committee will submit its final report to the FSC Board of Directors. The report shall include the complete text, in both Spanish and English, of each proposed motion and any supporting information, as well as the name and affiliation of each proposer and seconder.
7. No later than 10 October 2008 the final report of the Motions Committee and any comments, which the FSC Board of Directors decides to insert about any of the motions will be circulated to all FSC Members.

*Please Note: Under the terms of this procedure only those motions, which have been submitted to the Motions Committee on or before 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2008 will be eligible for the General Assembly.*