



MEDIA ADVISORY

Canadian Institute of Forestry Conference

Stewardship: energizing forestry through new strategies and partnerships

EVENT	Stewardship: energizing forestry through new strategies and partnerships, 101 st CIF Conference and Annual General Meeting.
WHEN	September 21 – 23, 2009
WHERE	Vancouver Island Convention Centre, Nanaimo, BC
PHOTO EDITORS	September 21, 7:30 am to 6:00 pm and September 23, 7:30 am to noon – Trade show featuring 25 organizations engaged in the forestry and bioenergy sectors.
	September 22, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm – forestry field trip
	September 23, 2:35 pm to 2:50 pm – Ceremonial Tree Planting to mark Maple Leaf Day 2009

About the CIF:

The Canadian Institute of Forestry/l'Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is the national voice of forest practitioners. Formed in 1908, the Institute represents foresters, forest technologists and technicians, ecologists, biologists, geographers, educators, scientists and many others with a professional interest in forestry. The Institute's mission is to provide national leadership in forestry, promote competence among forestry professionals, and foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry issues.

About the conference:

Forests and forest products have taken centre stage in the world fight against global warming. Seen as the climate change heroes, trees sequester atmospheric carbon and convert it into wood, locking away harmful greenhouse gasses. At the same time, carbon-neutral biomass energy derived from wood fibre, offsets the use of fossil fuels, leading to cleaner, more earth friendly technologies. Current global and economic conditions have created an ideal opportunity for private and public sectors to partner in the quest to mitigate climate change. Policymakers have recognized the potential this holds for long-term job growth and industry stimulation. Climate change mitigation is well suited for public equity markets as well as private markets such as venture capital, private equity, infrastructure and timberland. The CIF will explore these emerging aspects of forest management by bringing together all those involved in the forest sector and carbon marketplace at their Nanaimo conference.

Speakers:

Speakers from across Canada will include: Dr. Werner Kurz – Climate Change; Art Sterritt – Coastal First Nations; Rick Jeffery – Coast Forest Products Association; Catherine Cobden – Forest Products Association of Canada; Elizabeth May – Green Party of Canada.

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