

# Side Event

**WEDNESDAY**

**20 July 2016**

**13:00-14:30**

**Canada room**

**(A357)**

**COFO 23**

WORLD FOREST WEEK

Rome, Italy FAO

**MARGINAL AND PERIPHERAL**

# **FORESTS**

**A key genetic resource  
for enhancing the resilience of  
European Forests to global change**

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**A side event of the COST Action FP1202  
“Strengthening conservation: a key issue for  
adaptation of marginal/peripheral populations of  
forest tree to climate change in Europe (MaP-FGR)”**

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## Background

The effects of climate change are likely to be stronger and more rapid in marginal and peripheral populations of forest trees than elsewhere. Marginal and peripheral forest populations are at the edges of species ranges where conditions are less suitable for survival. Studying adaptive processes in these populations is crucial and of mutual interest for European and neighbouring countries for understanding the evolution of species, developing gene pool conservation and promoting management strategies and networks to cope with global changes.

## Goal and targeted audience

This meeting caters for parties that are interested in discussing and moving forward the topic of forest genetic resources of marginal tree populations. It aims at discussing strategies to promote and conserve the forest genetic resources provided by marginal and peripheral tree populations in the context of climate change, based on the results of the project COST Action FP1202.

## Agenda

13:00-13:15 Welcome and presentation of Cost Action FP1202 on “Strengthening conservation: a key issue for adaptation of marginal/peripheral populations of forest trees to climate change in Europe (MaP-FGR)”

*Fulvio Ducci, Chair of Cost Action FP1202,  
Forestry Research Centre, Arezzo (Italy)*

13:15-13:30 Marginality: the core question

*Eduardo Notivol, Agrifood Research  
and Technology Centre of Aragon (Spain)*

13:30-13:45 Forest genetic resources and marginal populations

*Giovanni Giuseppe Vendramin, Institute of  
Biosciences and BioResources, National Research  
Council, Sesto Fiorentino (Italy)*

13:45-14:00 Conservation and use of forest genetic resources  
in the context of global change: what are marginal  
populations good for?

*Bruno Fady, French National Institute Agricultural  
Research (INRA), Aix en Provence (France)*

14:00-14:30 Questions and answers

*moderators: Nicolas Picard and Valentina  
Garavaglia, FAO-Silva Mediterranea*

14:30 Light refreshments

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