Workshop on
Preparation of Country Report on
Forest Genetic Resources (SOW-FGR, FAO)
7th and 8th February 2012

India is a country with 20% of land area covered with forests with very rich in biodiversity and forest genetic resources within, especially the tree species. Forest Genetic Resources (FGR) are mainly the tree resources which are of potential and actual value to mankind. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) is in the process of preparing a State of World's Forest Genetic Resources report by compiling the country reports which is to be released in 2013. This report would facilitate identifying needs, gaps, priorities, help planning, management and conservation of forests at global level. In order to prepare the country report, the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore (IFGTB) has been identified as the National Focal Point for the country for preparation of the Indian report on FGR. In this connection reports from all concerned of the country's forestry sector comprising State Forest Departments, Forestry research institutions, State Agricultural Universities, Botanical Survey of India, Forest Survey of India and wood based industries have been called for, for compilation. A brain storming workshop for two days was held on 7th and 8th February 2012. Above 25 delegates from State Forest Departments, State Agriculture University, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, other Research Institute Botanical Survey of India, SACON and Wood based Industries who handles FGR and from IFGTB attended and deliberated on compilation & preparation of draft country report. This will be followed by a discussion on the report with the authorities of FAO in the last week of February and to be presented to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, as country's report on the state of Forest Genetic Resources.

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