

# **The UNISDR Regional Northeast Asia Wildland Fire Network: Network Activities 2011-2015 – Progress Report**

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## **Abstract**

The UNISDR Regional Northeast Asia Wildland Fire Network was established in 2004 as a thematic network. The network pursues enhanced international cooperation in wildland fire management research, development, capacity building, knowledge and resources sharing, and mutual support. The cooperation is based on the principle of partnership between the participating countries and the international community.

Between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Conferences the following activities have been accomplished: The international conference "A Decade After Forest Fires in Korean East Coast" and the '7<sup>th</sup> NEA Network Meeting' were held in the Republic of Korea (ROK) on June 7-9, 2011. These meetings aimed at preparing the establishment of the UNISDR Pan-Asia Wildland Fire Network and the 6<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Conference. The Pan-Asia Wildland Fire Network is a cluster of the Regional Wildland Fire Networks of Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia and Central Asia, representing 21 countries in the region. The first UNISDR Pan-Asia Wildland Fire Network Meeting in 2013 was held at the Korea Forest Research Institute, Seoul, Republic of Korea, October 23-25, 2013. The ASEAN-Republic of Korea Forest Cooperation (AFoCo) and the Korea Forest Research Institute organized a regional training course entitled "Training of Trainers on Forest Fire Management" in Seoul, September 16-23, 2014, in the frame of activities of the UNISDR Pan-Asia Wildland Fire Network. The objectives of this program are: 1) to equip specialists to be able to train the local people in their states, and 2) to share the information on the forest fire issues in Asia among participants.

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