

Regional Session I: North America and Australasia

Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 13 October 2015, 13:00 – 15:00

AGENDA

Chair: Tom Harbour (Fire Management Working Group, North American Forestry Commission; U.S. Forest Service, Fire & Aviation Management)

Co-Chairs: Tim McGuffog (Regional Australasia Wildland Fire Network; Forest Fire Management Group, Forestry Corporation of NSW, Australia), Kevin O'Connor (New Zealand National Rural Fire Service) and Bill de Groot (Fire Management Working Group, North American Forestry Commission; Canadian Forest Service, Canada)

1. Opening remarks and adoption of the agenda (13:00-13:10)

Tom Harbour (U.S. Forest Service) (10 min)

2. Reports from the Regional Networks: Introduction of the Regional Statement, review of regional activities in fire management and international cooperation 2011-2015 (13:10-13:30)

- Australasia Region (Tim McGuffog, Stuart Ellis, Australia; Kevin O'Connor, New Zealand) (10 min)
- North America Region (Dale Dague, U.S.A.) (10 min)

3. Presentations from the Regions (13:30-14:30)

- Mexico's Transformative Strategy of the Wildland Fire Policy: A vision for the Future (Alfredo Nolasco Morales, Mexico) (15 min)
- 2015 International Mobilizations to North America;
 - Canada – International assistance from USA, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa (Kim Connors) (15 min)
 - What precipitated the need for international assistance?
 - Legal Mechanisms
 - Activation of personnel (IARR, fire personnel)
 - Outcomes and lessons learned (high level).
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 - Australasia – Provided assistance to Canada and USA (Tim McGuffog) (15 min)
 - Challenges in filling orders
 - Value in sending advanced IARR
 - Outcomes and lessons learned (high level)

4. Discussion and finalization of regional recommendations for the Conference Statement (14:30 - 15:00)

- Panel Discussion with Speakers and Co-Chairs
 - Questions and discussions on lessons learned from the 2015 North America season
 - What are the next steps in international outreach? (i.e. Latin America)