History
In 1960, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization established the North American Forest Commission with Canada, Mexico, and the United States as members. The purpose of the Commission is to advise on the formulation of forest policies and to review and coordinate its implementation of the regional plan; to exchange information; and to recommend appropriate solutions to technical problems. The Fire Management Working Group was established in 1962. Annual meetings have rotated among the member countries since inception.

NAFC-FMWG Objectives
• To exchange experiences and technological advances regarding prevention, wildland fire management, and fire use.
• To provide mutual aid and technical exchanges between Canada, Mexico and the United States in the development of strategy and appropriate actions to resolve North American fire problems.
• To actively support and participate in international fire management programs with fire management agencies throughout the world by developing and promoting activities that support international cooperation and development.

Exchanging Science & Technology
Interagency training: science, technology and fire operations
Developing Mexico’s Fire Management System
North American Fire Danger Modeling
North American wildland fire emissions modeling

Information & Resource Sharing
Suppressing fires in the Wildland Urban Interface
North American interagency resource sharing
Implementing the Incident Command System

Supporting International Fire Management
International technology transfer and training in fire management.
Development of a global early warning system for wildland fire
Fire research: International Crown Fire Modeling Experiment (Northwest Territories, Canada)
International resource sharing